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TANGLES OF EUROPEAN ROYAL MARRIAGES.

[United Press.]

LONDON.—The maze of European royal inter-marriages is shortly to become even more tangled, when Princess Marie Jose of Belgium marries the Crown Prince Humberto of Italy. Their engagement was unofficially reported recently, but no further rrrangements for the wedding have yet been made public.

Princess Marie, a medium-height, slim brunette with pretty eyes and flashing teeth, is the youngest daughter of Leopold and Elizabeth, King and Queen of the Belgians. Her relationship to King George of England comes through her father, who came of the house of Saxe-Coburg, as did Queen Victoria of England. The Belgian royal family and the English royal family are already connected through King Leopold's first wife, Princess Charlotte, who died before Leopold became King of Belgium, and who was a cousin of the English Queen.

Difference of Religion.

The Italian and English royalties have never inter-married directly, principally because of the difference in religion. They are, however, connected in a number of indirect ways, such as the forthcoming Italo-Belgian marriage will bring about, and through the Spanish and former German royal families.

The Crown Prince Humberto, only son of King Victor of Italy, has for his mother the former Princess Helena of Montenegro, and at the same time his sister, Princess Mafalda is married to Prince Philip of Hesse, who, in his turn is indirectly related to King George through their German connections.

Thus the maze becomes more and more tangled. At the present time the tiny monarchy of Luxembourg, which is distantly related, is practically the only country whose rulers cannot claim more or less intimate kinship with the house of Windsor. This leaves only the royal houses of Japan, Persia and few minor monarchies in the Near East and Far East outside the hegemony.

Strong Blood Tie.

The boy King Michael of Rumania, Queen Victoria of Spain, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and the Princess Astrid of Belgium are but a few of the outstanding personalities in this vast royal family circle whose starting-point was Queen Victoria of England. The past or present reigning houses of Norway, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Greece, Germany, and Russia also figure in the genealogical tree.

Queen Maud of Norway is a sister of the King of England, while King Haakon is first cousin of King George, being nephew of Queen Alexandra. Queen Alexandra was a daughter of the Danish King Christian IX. and married King Edward VII.

There exists a strong blood tie between the English and Swedish royal families, since the late Crown Princess Margaret, of Sweden, whose son is second in line for the Swedish throne was another of King George V.'s cousins.

In Spain the ties are equally strong. Queen Victoria of Spain is a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria of England and therefore a first cousin of King George. The two houses are yet more closely bound through Sweden since the Spanish queen is first cousin of the present Crown Princess Louise of Sweden.

Anglo-Dutch Connection.

The Anglo-Dutch connection is provided through Princess Alice of Athlone. She is first cousin of King George and first cousin of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, whose aunt, the late Princess Helena of Waldeck and Pyrmont, married Leopold, Duke of Albany, father of Princess Alice. Leopold was the son of Queen Victoria.

Through Queen Marrie of Roumania, grand-daughter of Queen Victoria and first cousin of King George, three countries are brought into blood relationship with the British monarchy—Roumania, Yugoslavia and Greece. As well as being the grandmother of the young King Michael, Queen Marie is also mother of the reigning Queen Marie of Yugoslavia and the ex-Queen Elizabeth of Greece.

As grandson of Queen Victoria, the ex-Kaiser's place in the family tree is well known, while the Russian royal family had two distinct connections with Queen Victoria, since the mother of the late Tzarina was Prince Alice, a daughter of Victoria. At the same time the Tsar was like his wife a cousin of King George V., his mother, the late Dowager Queen Marie of Russia, having been a sister of the late Queen Alexandra.

"Princess Charming."

Princess Marie Jose, the smiling and once mischievous child whom every Belgian worshipped, is an ardent musician and sportswoman. She is very English in dress and manner. Because of her simplicity and charm she is popularly called the "Smiling Princess."

Princess Marie Jose Charlotte Sophie Amelie Henriette Gabrielle was born in Ostend on August 4, 1906. Ever since she has disdained her long and lofty name and has asked her friends to call her merely "Marie Jose," after her maternal grandmother Infanta Marie Joseph of Portugal.

To-day Princess Marie Jose is twenty-three. Tall and slender, with fashionably shingled dark curly hair curving about vivicious and sometimes naughty dark blue eyes, she is an excellent picture of a handsome, healthy, modern girl. She plays the piano excellently and is now studying the 'cello. She also rides, skates, skiis, and plays both tennis and golf.

Her simple, home ilfe was rudely interrupted by the great war. She was sent to England where she entered the Ursuline Convent at Brentford, Essex. There she learned to speak excellent English and to this day she remains very fond of the school, often returning to visit some of her school friends or to call on her former teachers.

Later she spent two years in school at the Poggio Imperiale at Florence, and the war over, returned to her homeland. She was twelve at the end of the war. She resumed the simple life of her family at their homes at Lacken, Brussels and Ostend.

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.
(December 17.)

H.K. University Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition, 9 a.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Through Different Eyes."

World Theatre: "The Waning Sex" and at 2.30 and 7.15 "Clean Souls" Chinese picture.

Star Theatre: "Moana."

Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides:—High, 11 a.m. and 9.24 p.m.; Low, 4.17 a.m. and 2.56 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (Athos II.), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.
(December 18.)

Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd. Ordinary General Meeting, York Building, 2 p.m.

Boy Scouts Association, Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

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Dinner Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 2 p.m. and 10.09 p.m.; Low, 5.04 a.m. and 3.34 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Vancouver, B.C., and *viâ* Siberia (Empress of Asia), 10 a.m.

Thursday.
(December 19.)

H.K. Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mercantile Bank Building, 10 a.m.

Victoria British School, Annual prize giving, 10.30 a.m.

Kowloon Junior School, annual prize giving, 11 a.m.

Legislative Council Meeting 2 p.m.

Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

Warwick Revue Company: "The Peep Shows," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."

World Theatre: "The Terror."

Star Theatre: "Fortune Hunter."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 1.04 p.m. and 10.58 p.m.; Low, 5.54 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.

Friday.
(December 20.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

H.K. Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mercantile Bank Building.

Constituent Meeting of H. K. Flying Club, City Hall, 4 p.m.

Canon Streeter Conducts Conference for Ministers of Religion and Educationalists, Cathedral Hall, 4 p.m.—6.30 p.m.

Peak School, annual prize giving Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.

Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

Warwick Revue Company: "High Lights," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."

World Theatre: "The Terror."

Star Theatre: "Fortune Hunter."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 2.05 p.m. and 11.54 p.m.; Low, 6.48 a.m. and 5.01 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (Aki Maru), 9.30 a.m.

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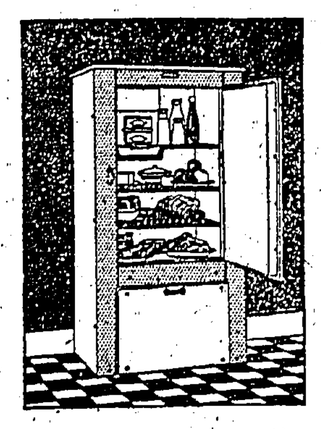

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BRITAIN'S CHANCE.

Silent films, which many people thought were "down and out," have suddenly scored a dramatic "come-back" in England.

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"The Four Feathers," for instance, has surpassed the record scored at the same theatre by "The Cocoanuts."

"The Pagan" has beaten the record made by one of its talkie predecessors, "The Broadway Melody."

The silent film with sound effects is proving itself a most powerful rival to the dialogue film, which is in grave difficulties.

Though it is true that nothing succeeds like a good talkie, it is equally true that nothing fails like a bad talkie. There can be no compromise over the quality of talk. It *must* be good.

Talkies are tottering because there is a scarcity of good dialogue writers and a greater scarcity of good dramatists.

Exhibitors Fees.

They are hampered, also, by the enormous sums asked for existing dramatic and musical rights. Twenty thousand pounds is a not uncommon figure for talkie producers to pay for a stage success.

Exhibitors are asked to pay such tremendous fees for talking films that they are in open rebellion, the more so because, apart from "The Singing Fool," there is no talking film that carries an absolute guarantee of box-office success. Talkie producers have opened their mouths too wide. There are cases in which they have demanded as much as eighty per cent. of the theatre's takings.

Few talkie stars have yet been discovered, and those who can be said to have established themselves in the new medium could probably be numbered on ten fingers. Good microphone voices are apparently rare.

A host of technical difficulties has risen in connection with the exhibition of talkies. Good operators are scarce, the problem of keeping the mechanism in repair has turned out to be onerous and costly, and the variations in local electrical power supply have seriously interfered with the quality of provincial performances.

Deaf People Protest.

Exhibitors are finding that many of their patrons do not understand talk, and deaf persons are loud in their protests against the innovation.

These difficulties will right themselves in the course of time, but meanwhile there is a lull in the popularity of talkies.

Filmland has not been slow to recognise this fact. The Metro-Goldwyn Company, who have never been completely "sold" on talkies, though they have been extremely successful in that medium, announce that their release schedule for the next twelve months will include forty-seven films produced wholly in the silent technique—not talkies adapted to the needs of silence.

Similar announcements, not quite so bold, have been made by the Universal Company and the Fox organisation.

Since it is obvious that not even Hollywood can produce a completed silent picture in each week of the year, it follows that the Metro-Goldwyn Company must be taking from their shelves the completed silent films placed there when the talkie boom began.

A Silent Drive.

There are many signs that the American companies are organising a commercial drive designed to clear off their stocks of silent films. The talkie lull will be a godsend to them, as it should be also to British film producers, whose stocks of derelict silent films brought into being by the "Quota" Act are very considerable.

Experience of "Quota" films has shown that few of them are quotable, but it would appear that there is an opportunity to clear off some of the British silent films stranded by the talkie wave.

Talk, in various modified forms, must be used in film production, if only for the reason that exhibitors and producers in this country have invested more than £2,000,000 in the electrical apparatus required.

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Nine persons out of ten will be glad that the silent film has reasserted itself, and there is reason to think that by the use of such devices as wide-angle photography, wider screens, colour, and, above all, panoramic stereoscopy, the silent film may soon regain its former dominance.

PEDESTRIANS' RIGHTS.

PUBLIC CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED.

PROTECTION ASSOCIATION FORMED.

Early this month the organisation of a society for the protection of the rights of pedestrians was opened at Essex Hall, at which Lord Cecil of Chelwood presided. A public campaign was launched for ensuring the safety of the public on the highways and for protecting and preserving the freedom, comfort, and general amenities of pedestrians.

The need of a Pedestrians' Association, as the new society is called, has long been felt; and it was a recent remark of Lord Cecil's that the case for pedestrians has been inadequately represented to the authorities, because there has been no society of the kind, which stimulated the movement and induced Mr. T. C. Foley, of 134, Fleet Street, E.C., one of the promoters of the new organisation, to ask his lordship if he would preside at the opening meeting.

"The forming of the Association," Mr. Foley said in an interview, "is an expression of the grave concern with which the public views the steadily-growing death-roll on the roads in which pedestrians are the chief sufferers.

The "War" of the Roads.

"Some idea of the significance of the figures is to be gained by recalling the fact that during the whole of the Boer War only eight thousand men were killed in battle or died of wounds, whereas this year alone we are killing seven thousand persons on the roads. And this figure is not likely to terminate, as a casualty list does at the end of a war. Unless drastic steps are taken it will be a permanent and an increasing toll on the life of the nation.

"One of the first things the association will do will be to draw the attention of the authorities to roads where there is persistently reckless driving to the danger of the pedestrians, and to the necessity for providing adequate footpaths on country roads and protective railings and high surbs at certain danger spots.

"Compulsory third-party insurance, which the Royal Commission on Transport has recommended, but to which certain insurance companies and motor interests are opposed, will also be supported, for, as things are at present, though a man may be injured as the result of a motor accident and awarded damages, yet, if the motorist is uninsured, he may be unable to get a penny in the way of compensation.

"The Association is having the warm support not only of rambling clubs and similar bodies, whose members run into many thousands, but also of motorists who in their own interests, both as drivers and pedestrians, realise the necessity of dealing drastically with the reckless driver.

The Speed Limit.

"Pedestrians are viewing with great alarm the proposal of the Royal Commission to abolish the speed limit and to allow motor-charabancs to travel at thirty-five miles an hour on roads many of which were never intended to take such traffic. It is frequently argued by interested parties that speed is not a cause of accidents. It is quite obvious, however, that in many circumstances the slower the speed, the better chance a driver has of pulling up and avoiding an accident.

"Certainly the speeding of motor traffic along London suburban main roads is a growing scandal. Motorists get tied up by traffic-blocks in the City, and try to make up for lost time by scorching along these suburban high roads.

"The Commission's proposal to deal with this problem by imposing severe penalties for what it describes as dangerous driving will be extremely difficult to enforce, because the question of what is dangerous driving will cause a greater conflict of evidence in the courts than even that of whether a driver was or was not exceeding a certain specified speed limit.

"It is significant that even in America, the land of speed, there are still local speed limits in the various States. The new Association will oppose vigorously the proposal to abolish the speed limit."

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A NEW NAME FOR SPIRITUALISTS.

"SURVIVALISTS."

Mr. Oliver Baldwin, M.P., speaking at a meeting of the Survival League at Queen's Hall, London, last month, said that before scientists declared that communication with departed spirits was hallucination they should learn something of the subject from people who were versed in it.

Some scientists said that if Spiritualism was not hallucination it was telepathy, and he believed it was telepathy in a certain form. Others said that Spiritualism was but some inner kind of atmosphere of which we knew nothing. He thought there might be something in that. If they communicated with the unseen world it greatly depended on the atmosphere as to the results they got.

It was during the war that he became interested in spiritualistic research. In 1918 he was commanding a company of Irish Guards, and it was a miserable day, raining and freezing, and they had been about twenty-four hours without relief of any kind. They were being shelled very heavily, and during a walk round with his runner, feeling very tired, he sat down beside a sunken road with the runner by his side. Suddenly in his right ear he heard a voice saying quite clearly "Go and see your company." He looked round. There was no one in sight but his runner, and he had not heard the voice. He had the feeling the message did not come from this world. He got up and walked towards his company, but had not proceeded 30 yards when he heard a shell coming over. He turned round and saw his runner sitting where he had left him. He (Mr. Baldwin) threw himself on his face, and the shell fell close by the runner and nothing more was ever known of him. It was then he began to take an interest in Spiritualism. To him it was the greatest thing in the world, as it seemed to provide a solution for so much. If it did nothing else, he believed that by simply declaring fearlessly faith in survival after death it would bring comfort to thousands of people and steer the feet of doubters along a path that would bring them peace of soul.

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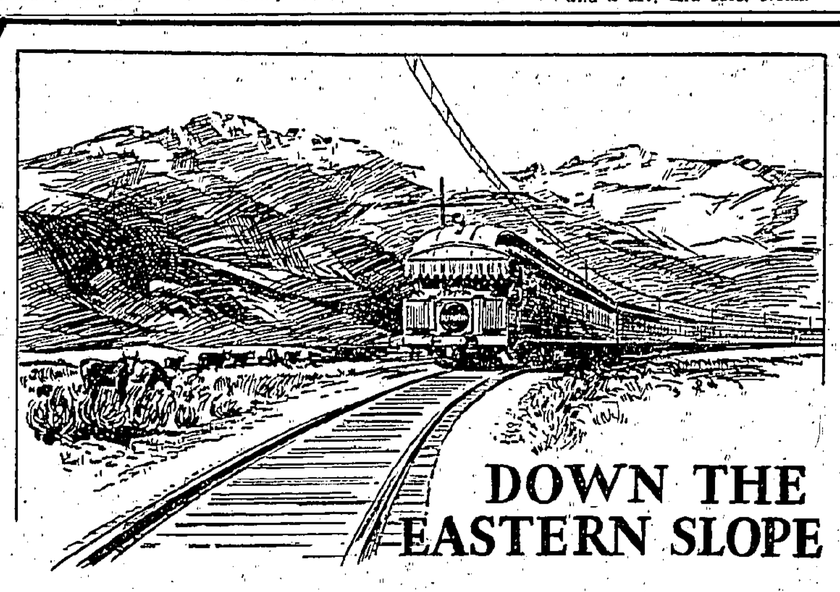
OPINIONS OF DEAN AND EARL.

The Rev. C. F. Spurr, speaking at a Bible Society meeting at Northampton, said he wished the Press, and particularly the London Press, would not use in headlines some glaring sentence from a bishop or a dean and give to his remarks a meaning never intended by the speaker. In this connection he recalled a recent headline, "The Dean of Lincoln denies the Flood," a headline, open to misconstruction by the ordinary man. The Dean had not done anything of the kind really.

"I don't believe in the Flood," said the Dean of Peterborough, Dr. Simpson, who followed Mr. Spurr. "I never did and I was never asked to. I had a Noah's ark as a small boy and I may have treated it as an idol, but I never believed in Mr. Noah. When I was an undergraduate at Oxford Bishop Gore said in my hearing, "If Adam was not the first man there must have been somebody who was, and you might as well call him Adam as anything else.'

Dr. Simpson continued: "I believe that God is my saviour. I believe that the Holy Spirit sanctifies me. That is my faith. I see the gentlemen of the Press are with us. If they want a heading let them say 'The Dean of Peterborough believes in God.'"

In his closing speech Earl Spencer, who presided, said, "I have been rather shocked by the Dean's statement. I have always believed implicitly that there was a flood and a Mr. and Mrs. Noah."



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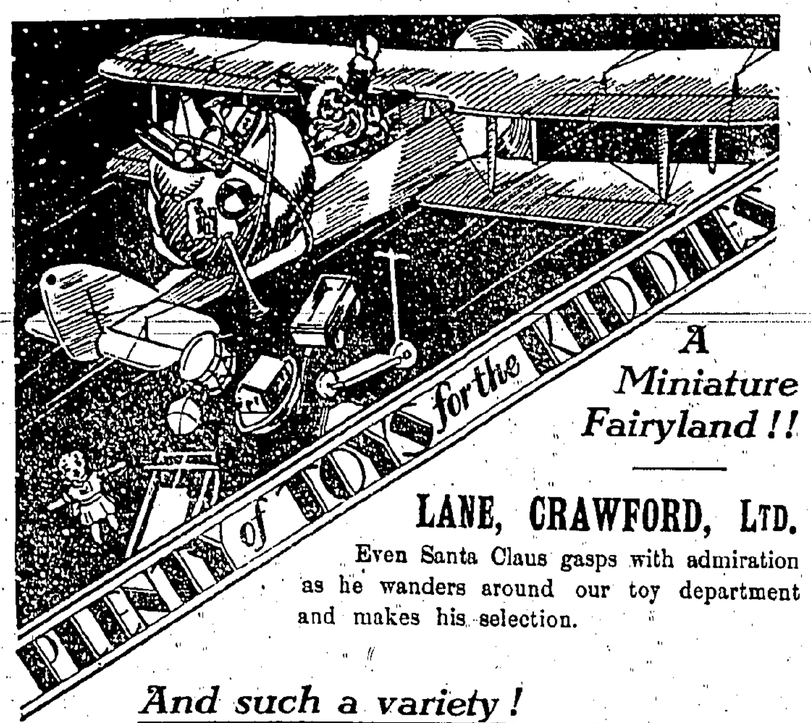

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Berlin.—A telephone service between Berlin and Leningrad has been opened.

Paris.—Remains of a prehistoric station have been discovered on the shores of Lake Ledro, in the Trentino.

Warsaw.—The 91st session of the International Railway Time-Table Conference has just concluded in Warsaw.

Budapest.—Prof. Baron Koranyi opened the Congress of the International Hydrological Society in Budapest.

Buenos Aires.—The River Uruguay flood has interrupted train services between Buenos Aires and Asuncion.

Gillingham.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fearne, of Wigmore, near Gillingham, Kent, have celebrated their diamond wedding.

Moscow.—Baranoff, a Soviet airman, has flown across the Pamir. This is the first time that the range has been crossed by air.

Paris.—An organized hunger-strike has been begun by Communist prisoners in a number of prisoners throughout Hungary.

Forbach.—Twenty cases of typhoid have occurred at Forbach, in Lorraine. The annual fair has been stopped by the Prefect of Moselle.

Hertford.—A letter posted in Hertford on August 21, 1907, addressed to Miss Milsom, of Brickendonbury, Hertfordshire, has just been delivered.

Berlin.—The Graf Zeppelin has returned to Friedrichshafen after a tour over Holland, in the course of which she flew over Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Bucharest.—M. Zaleski, the Polish Foreign Minister, has left Warsaw for Bucharest, to return the visit paid to Poland by the Rumanian Foreign Minister.

Adelaide.—A dinner was given in Adelaide in honour of Sir Langdon Bonython's 40 years' service as president of the Adelaide School of Mines and Industries.

St. Nazaire.—Two hundred and twenty members of the crew of the French liner Cuba went on strike at St. Nazaire as the vessel was preparing to sail for Colon.

Paris.—M. Doumergue, President of the French Republic, and M. Briand, Prime Minister, have returned to Paris after their visit to the King and Queen of the Belgians.

Paris.—M. Laurent-Eynac, the French Air Minister, has left Paris for Morocco, where he will inspect air units. He will visit Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakesh, Fez, Taza, and Meknes.

Kovno.—Father Olshauskas, a Roman Catholic priest, has been found guilty by a Court at Kovno of murdering a woman named Ustijinauskiene, and has been sentenced to eight years' hard labour.

Kingsdon.—Mr. James A. Richardson, a member of the Board of Governors for some years, has been installed as Chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, in succession to Sir Robert Borden.

Athens.—A Bill is to be laid before the Greek Parliament to prohibit the publication of stories about brigands, as these are supposed to have a deleterious effect on boys, and to damage the reputation of the country abroad.

Paris.—Admiral Horthy, the Regent of Hungary, has ordered the quashing of the criminal proceedings begun several years ago against the Socialist leaders Buchinger and Weltner, who fled from Hungary after the fall of Bela Kun.

Highgate.—Dr. Margaret L. Tyler, of Highgate and Welbeck Street, W., is collecting signatures for a petition to the Home Secretary asking for the release from prison of David Greenwood, an ex-soldier who is serving a life sentence for the murder of Nellie Trew, a 17-year-old girl who was found dead on Eltham Common in February, 1918.

Bonn.—On the third day of the sale of the Schaumburg collection at Bonn, high prices were paid for Renaissance, baroque, and Empire furniture. The Japanese silver table service given by the Emperor William I. to his son and daughter-in-law at the time of their silver wedding in 1883 has been sold to an English bidder for £350.

Sofia.—Vassilieff, secretary of the National Committee of the Macedonian Emigrants, whose brother recently murdered the Protogueroffist leader Bajaroff, was mortally wounded as he was returning from harvesting. The Mihailoffist revolutionary leader Avramoff, who was accompanying Vassilieff, is also reported to have been killed.

Hyderabad. — The Hyderabad State Budget, which has been approved by the Nizam, provides for the allocation of the surplus of 418 lakhs (£2,735,000) to reserve for the purchase of the State railway in 1934, to industrial reserve for the encouragement of industries, to the building of Osmania University and Secretariat, and various other purposes.

London.—William Randall, 26, labourer, no fixed home, Henry Frederick Edwards, 22, labourer, of Westminster Bridge Road, and Edward Gallagher, 22, steward, of Kennington Road, S.E., were charged at Bow Street Police Court with being concerned in breaking and entering the Moscow-Narodny Bank, at Lincoln House, and the offices of Messrs. Wills, Ltd., in the same building. They were committed for trial.

Santiago.—The Chilean Government has awarded to Trimotor Safety Airways Incorporated, a United States company subsidiary to the Pan-American Grace Airways, the contract for carrying mail between Santiago and New York.

Corfu.—Kalaphatis, once a notorious Greek brigand, who, after having his death sentence commuted, murdered a fellow-prisoner in gaol, was executed at Corfu as his appeals for mercy which had postponed his death for four years had all failed.

London.—Following the appointment of Mr. E. J. Peley, C.B., to act as Principal Assistant Secretary in charge of the Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. G. Hynard, C.B.E., has been appointed to act as Director of Sea Transport.

Hanford.—A collision took place at Hanford, near Stoke-on-Trent, between a motor-lorry carrying barrels of methylated spirits and another lorry laden with sacks of flour. Both vehicles were severely damaged. The drivers escaped uninjured.

Toronto.—At Toronto the American Federation of Labour Congress unanimously adopted a report declaring it "essential as evidence of good faith to the world that the American people shall, at least for the present, refrain from warlike preparations in the enactment of legislation."

Sydney.—1,000 timber workers have applied to the leading yards for employment, but owing to the slackness of trade only ten have been engaged. Mr. Theodore, one of the Labour leaders, has seen owners and miners with a view to a settlement of the New South Wales coal dispute.

Mons.—A strike has started in the collieries of the Mons basin in Belgium, and is expected to affect the whole area. The loaders want more pay and the hewers at the coal face have struck because the owners asked them to load the coal they had themselves been getting until the dispute had been adjusted.

Hampstead.—Workmen building a wall in a garden at College Crescent, Hampstead, dug up a human skull, and the find has been reported to the coroner. The skull is that of a fully-grown person, and according to Dr. C. J. R. MacFadden, police divisional surgeon, it has been in the ground for a long time.

Brussels.—M. Louise Mascre, the Belgian sculptor, has died in Brussels. His recent works included busts of the Duchess of Brabant and Sir George Grahame, the former British Ambassador to Belgium and now Ambassador to Spain. He was engaged at the time of his death on an equestrian statue of Simon Bolivar, commissioned by the Bolivian Government.

HOW HABITS ARE FORMED.

EXPERIMENTS WITH DOGS.

THE DINNER BELL REFLEX.

Some very interesting experiments made on animals to discover what reflex action could be expected from a stimulus repeatedly applied were described by Professor Winifred Cullis last month when she lectured to the Parents' Association on how habits are formed.

She said it had long been obvious that reflex actions must be the basis of habit, and she dealt first with such instinctive reflex actions as that of the eye shutting when threatened with injury. Everyone knew what would be the reflex action of the muscles to ordinary stimuli. But for the purpose of considering how one could influence the formation of habits it was useful to study the work the great physiologist Professor Pavlov had been doing for 25 years, and the results of what he called conditioned reflexes. He had experimented with animals, applying to them a certain stimulus without being sure what reflex action would result.

Some of the results were astonishing. For instance, knowing that dogs were extremely sensitive to sound and able to detect the pitch of a note much more accurately than we can, he taught his dogs to expect food to be given to them when a certain note was sounded. After doing this a few times he found that when they heard that note they secreted saliva, while the sound of a note of a slightly different pitch produced no such result. Pursuing his experiments, he taught the dogs to expect food ten minutes after the note was sounded, and he presently found that the secretion of saliva did not begin till the ten minutes were up. This was an instance of quite unconscious self-control. The note would suggest food, but habit postponed the secretion until the food arrived.

Dogs Who Worry Over Lessons.

The Professor found that animals were very bad at distinguishing colour, but he would make them distinguish between the shapes of a circle and of a narrow oval. He observed, however, that when he tried to make them discriminate between a circle and an oval that too closely approximated to it in shape the effort to do so worried them so much that some of the animals became almost maniacal. One animal took six months to recover from the test, and when he was again subjected to it the trouble began again.

Having shown how habits could be artificially developed in animals and suggested that children were very sensitive to outside stimulus, Professor Cullis said that parents should aim at forming a decently stable path in the child's nervous system. The parents' job was terribly difficult, and they could manage it best perhaps by not thinking of it too much. One thing she had noticed working badly in the training of children was the inconsistency of the grown-up people. Parents were only human, and like other human beings they would be amused one day by something that might irritate them the next, but that inconsistency might undo their careful training just as a sudden change in the stimulus applied to the Professor's animals undid for a long time the work he had done.

Teaching Self-Control.

It was pretty obvious that for the development of physical habits the same action must be often repeated and without too much distraction. At the present time Professor Cullis noticed that all sorts of distractions were allowed in nurseries, where habits ought to be in process of formation. Another point emerging from the experiments quoted was that there was physiological justification for advocating a considerable amount of self-control. Some people thought that any check on a child's own activities was hard, and that its investigating tendencies should be allowed full play. But while repression was bad a good physiological plea could be made for inhibition.

"The people who help us most in developing our habits are our contemporaries," she said. "That is why an only child should not be always with grown-ups, but should mix largely with other children of its own age, who will teach it the self-control that gives people the power of preserving and developing their capacities as nothing else can do. Everyone has to learn self-control, and if it is not taught in the home it will be taught later, and sometimes brutally in the world outside.

"One way in which children develop habits is by imitation, and that puts another terrible responsibility on parents. In fact if parents would have perfect children they themselves must be perfect people." Among the personal habits to be taught was cleanliness, for children were not naturally very clean. They should be taught that cleanliness was a social virtue. At this point Professor Cullis made an amusing digression. She protested against the assertion so often made that unless the skin were frequently washed the body would be injured by the poison discharged from the sweat glands, and headaches would result. She said that sweat did not contain poison, and anyway she did not see how it could choke the sweat glands. "Look at the grubby little children playing in the streets," she said. "They are perfectly healthy, and they do not have headaches."

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WIRELESS WITHOUT AERIAL.

CAPTAIN ECKERSLEY ON ITS FUTURE.

THE BRITISH REGIONAL SCHEME.

In a racy address to a large audience in Lewis's Hall, Manchester, last month, Captain P. P. Eckersley, who was formerly associated with the British Broadcasting Company, spoke on recent developments in wireless.

At the outset he remarked that since retirement from the high and mighty and autocratic organisation the B.B.C. he found himself perhaps even more interested in reception than he had been in transmission. He wanted to see how people were really getting reception—to find out what were the problems of reception in their homes. With regard to the service area problems, it should be remembered that there was a distinct limit to the service area, which was determined by nothing less than the power of the transmitter. It was not a question of the sensitivity of the receiver. The receiver might be enormously sensitive and yet be more or less at the mercy of background noises. An important question in broadcasting was how far did the influence of the station extend so as to overcome the background noise. He thought it was only worth while listening-in to a station when they were listening inside the service area of that station—when they could get the programme and nothing but the programme. Anything beyond what could be received well might in a sense be interesting but it was not wireless.

More Stations Needed.

He thought that if the people were asked what they would do in broadcasting for a country like Great Britain they would favour the idea of providing a lot of stations. It was much better to have a lot of smallpower stations than a few high-power ones, but here again we were up against a difficulty, for we had not only our own problem to consider. Broadcasting was an international problem. It was a fact that a station in Rome could interfere with a station in Manchester. That being the position, international agreements had had to be made, because there was only a limited number of spaces available for all the broadcasting stations of Europe. People were pushing at the doors wanting to come in, but the cry was "House full in the European ether." After four long tortuous years of effort an international union had been formed in which 28 nations were represented, and he thought that; considering all the circumstances, was an achievement on which we in Europe could congratulate ourselves. The United States had not been able to make such an arrangement; their broadcasting was in a much worse state than ours.

A Regional Scheme.

But, said Captain Eckersley, in Europe every nation had got to limit the number of its stations, and we in Britain had only got ten wave-lengths with which to do broadcasting. Consequently what was now going to be done in this country was to carry out a regional scheme, based upon a few stations of high power, in which everyone would be brought within the service area. There was no other scheme like it in the world. It would cover 98½ per cent of the population of the British Isles, and would give 85 per cent of the population the service of an alternative programme. Over every part of the British Isles there would be the simultaneous existence of two programmes, and by merely turning a dial the listener would be able to get either one programme or the other. A site had been found in the Pennines for a station, which would be ready in about a year, and from which Manchester would get its alternative programme.

Speaking of the future, he prophesied the abolition of the aerial, and said that listeners would get many more programmes. Television would come, but in his opinion not yet, as at present quantitative conditions were enormously against it. As to wireless, it was going to bring the nations of the world together, and people would learn that the killing of one another because foolish politicians do not agree was, to say the least, an idiotic way of settling world affairs.

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ROBBED EMPLOYER AT POINT OF PISTOL.

The terrifying ordeal of a licensed victualler who was held up in his cellar by his barman and robbed at the point of the pistol was narrated at the Old Bailey recently, when Sydney Johnson (26), barman, pleaded guilty to robbing Albert Edward Harrison of money and cheques to the value of £32 19s. while armed with an offensive weapon.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, who prosecuted for the Finsbury Licensed Victuallers' Trade Protection Association, said that Mr. Harrison was licensee of the Three Cups, Sandland Street, Holborn, and Johnson was in his employ as a barman. After the house was closed on the night of July 5 Johnson asked Mr. Harrison to go to the cellar with him to help him to adjust a barrel which had tilted. While he was attending to the barrel Mr. Harrison heard Johnson exclaim, "I want your money," and, looking round, he saw Johnson pointing a pistol at him. Mr. Harrison asked what he meant, and Johnson said: "I want your money, and I want the lot."

Mr. Harrison gave him all the notes and cheques he had in his pocket, amounting to £38, and, still keeping the pistol pointed at his employer, Johnson backed out of the cellar and locked his employer in. Johnson then went to the bar and rifled the cashbox of its contents, amounting to £19. He shouted down the cellar, "Good night, governor," and left the house. On September 18 Johnson gave himself up to the police.

Mr. Harrison, who is 63, said that in the cellar he knocked with a mallet and neighbours came to his assistance.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild) said that Mr. Harrison would be awarded £5 out of the public funds. "Get something with it," Sir Ernest told the prosecutor, "but don't hang it in your cellar."

"Aimless Existence."

In a long written statement Johnson said that he had suffered endless agonies and remorse and mental torture and had paid the penalty for his offence a dozen times. His act, he said, was not premeditated. He had struggled and fought keenly against the odds "to uphold his right to existence and preserve his ambition and high endeavours and to sustain his ideals and projects."

"To my nature, temperament, and character, every hour that I have occupied in serving up beer and other rotten liquors to men and women—the majority of whom thought of you as being merely a servile servant, a creature having no soul, no independent mind, no better and worthier inclinations, no greater or higher thoughts—every minute meant misery to me."

"I did not want to live such an aimless and meaningless existence," he went on. "I committed my mistake when my spirit and courage were not so staunch as they had always been. My broken endeavours had dispirited and unnerved me. . . . My mind was evidently overstressed. It was a miniature brainstorm. In a mild sense I was *non compos mentis*."

Detective Sergeant Cain said that the weapon Johnson carried was a toy pistol. In his room were found books on black and white magic, power of visualisation, psychoanalysis, and the philosophy of life, which the prisoner had been reading. Johnson admitted obtaining a gold watch from an Oxford Street jeweller by means of a worthless cheque taken from a cheque-book he stole from Mr. Harrison, and he asked that that offence might be taken into account when sentence was passed.

Dr. Watson, senior medical officer at Brixton Prison, stated that Johnson had physical signs of neurasthenia, and he did not think it would be safe to order him a whipping. He was much too introspective. The kind of "intellectual quackery" he had been reading was not good for his neurotic temperament.

In sentencing Johnson to 11 months' imprisonment the Recorder said that if the reading of the literature mentioned caused prisoner to do what he did the sooner the trash was destroyed by the hangman the better.

Johnson: I was not feeding my mind on it.

The Recorder: However you fed your mind, you allowed it to get into a filthy, rotten condition, and you did a dirty, mean act. My only regret is I cannot order you a whipping.

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Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia, from Manila:—For Hong Kong: Mr. B. M. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. C. Bishop, Mrs. G. H. Blodgett, Mr. M. Morales, Mr. S. Li Carreen, Mrs. Cheng Chiu Wah, Miss Lam Hang, Mr. R. A. Cooper, Miss Kwan She, Mrs. Lay Yip, Miss Liao Ho, Mr. Lo Lee, Mr. H. Whited. For Shanghai: Miss J. P. Crighton, Mrs. R. Dufton, Mr. J. B. Ipokdjian, Mr. R. C. Johnson, Mrs. E. S. Kilpatrick, Mr. J. E. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Young, Rev. A. Armendariz, Rev. J. Usubinga, Miss N. Ganin, Mrs. G. F. Mosher. For Kobe: Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hickey, Mr. J. Kotani, Mr. T. Yamamura, Mr. I. Sugawara, Masters T. and S. Sugawara, Miss I. Sugawara. For Yokohama: Mr. M. Tsuruda. For Vancouver: Mr. E. Damiens, Mr. F. L. Laurence, Mr. P. H. Hartman, Col. S. Rober, Mr. H. S. Rober, Mrs. L. L. Rose and infant, Mr. J. Black, and Capt. J. A. Houston.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the s.s. Taiyo Maru, from Shanghai:—Mr. D. Karagday, Mrs. M. F. Karagday, Miss A. Karagday, Mr. F. Santos, Miss F. G. Hardy, Mr. L. D. Harris, Mrs. T. K. Harris, Miss M. E. Harris, Master D. J. Harris, Master G. A. Harris, Mr. Ung Sing, Mr. Ung Jun, Mr. Wong Kwock Soon, Mr. D. Asercion, Mrs. R. D. Asercion, Miss A. Asercion, Master G. Asercion, Miss M. Asercion, Mrs. L. Loyd, Mr. J. B. Coe, Mr. G. K. Garett, Mr. H. M. McAndren, Mr. J. G. L. Pitz, Mr. E. S. Pisarki, Mr. C. J. Rupp, Mr. J. T. Satsky, Mr. T. J. Rupp, Mrs. C. Kasefman, Mr. Chan Nom Suey, Mr. Tong Sue Lun, Mr. Joe Quay, Mr. and Mrs. M. Peralta, Mr. Pedro Grazd, Mr. Higino Rimino, Mr. S. Landau, Mr. Lee Wah, Mrs. Lee Chan Shee, Mr. Wong Kum Wing, Mrs. Yee Shee, Mrs. Bing Shum Tong, Miss Florida Fong, Master Mathen Fong, Master Albert Fong, Master William Fong, Mr. Abdul Khanan, Mr. Shij Khan, Mr. F. Fukushima, Mrs. S. Fukushima, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Davidson, Mr. Wo Sei Kei, Mrs. M. Machida, Mr. Wo Kei Lin, Mr. Wo Shew Lin, Mr. Horiye Takeo, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Werntz, Mr. E. Prop, Mr. R. H. Beavan, Mr. Ishiguro Keizo, Mr. Maseda Fusagoro, Mr. Kiyohara Keisho, Mrs. Kiyohara Fusako, Mr. Kiyohara Kiyoshi, Mr. C. A. Leon, Miss A. H. Brown, Mrs. C. M. Tyson, Miss M. L. Blakeslee, Miss N. Tyson, Mr. C. de Mayda, Mr. L. Schwartz, Mr. K. M. Stull, Mrs. B. M. Stull, Mrs. F. Lounsbury, Miss E. A. Lounsbury, Mrs. I. McKie, Mr. A. P. W. Bamberger, Mr. E. Samson, Mrs. E. Samson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomeril, Mr. H. Daishmann, Mr. O. Heintzen, Mrs. T. K. Ling, Master K. Ling, Mr. Thomas Wong, Mr. L. T. Chan, Mr. Shee Tow Law, Mr. T. B. Woo, Mr. K. K. Ho, Mr. Lin Mun Hok, Mrs. M. Lin, Mrs. E. Lam, Miss T. Y. Lin, Miss P. L. Lin, Mr. R. Hall, Mr. R. Schneeberger, Mrs. E. Volkoff, Mrs. S. Boiko, Mr. O. Y. Tammelstad, Mr. L. S. Kou, Mr. S. A. Hsia, Mr. S. N. Hsia, Mr. Y. T. Chang, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Lin, Mr. C. T. Yao, Mr. A. Chen, Mr. T. Chen, Mr. C. Chen, Mr. S. C. Yue, Mr. Lo Yu Man, Mr. Tang Shu So, Mrs. Tang Sai Shee, Mr. Chang Yuen, Mr. Lee Bok Mee, Mr. Wong Chek Fo, Mr. Wong Shan Chee, Mr. Grant Larned, Mr. R. K. Burns, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pickett.

Departures.

The following passengers left by the s.s. Yokohama Maru yesterday:—Capt. Imamura, Messrs. B. Tsubata (two), Mr. Meier, Mr. Lok Sang Kan, Mr. Lee Che Man, Mr. Fok Sau Chuen, Mrs. Yeang Sew Shee, Mr. Chu, Mr. Chin, Mr. G. Kimura, Mrs. T. Fujimoto, Master H. Fujimoto, Mr. Pow Ji Si, Mr. I. Yamamoto, Mrs. H. Harada, Mr. M. Harada, and Mrs. T. Ohoi.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY HON. MR. E. D. C. WOLFE, C.M.G., CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Chinese Company.

TRAINING COURSE.—The following members of the Chinese Company have been passed out as efficient in Part 1 of Training Course:—Constables R79 Lo Tak Hoi, R82 Cheng Ping Kwan, R96 Edwin Howqua, R97 Lam Ping and R100 Chen Jown Che.

SQUAD DRILL.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at *Central Police Station on Thursday*, December 19, at 5.30 p.m. sharp, for squad drill under Police Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress: Mufti.

NEW TERRITORIES AGRICULTURAL SHOW 1930.—The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police accepts the voluntary service of the following Police Reservists for duty at the Agricultural Show at Sheung Shui on Saturday and Sunday, January 4 and 5:—

The O.C., one Sub-Inspector, and 24 members of the Chinese Company on both days.

Hours of duty and other details will be notified later.

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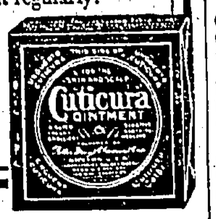

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1929. [8746

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, December 17. Fall in at the Tsimtsatsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform, and cap with white cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday, December 20. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

Sharpshooters Company.

STRENGTH.—Crown Sergeant R402 C. A. Grimes has been permitted to resign, having completed one year's service, and on account of ill-health, with effect from December 9, 1929.

(Sd.) W. KENT, A.S.P., Adjutant.

Hong Kong, Dec. 16, 1929.

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Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

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PEARL EXHIBITION AT KOMOR'S.

KODAKA'S LOVELY GEMS.

Mr. Kodaka's exhibition of culture pearls was opened yesterday at Komor and Komor's. The collection is bigger and more varied than last year, and the mounted pearls, set platinum, white and yellow gold are mounted according to the latest Paris designs, with the delicacy of execution in which the craftsmen of the East excel. The necklaces are cheaper than those of last year and run from about $100 upwards into thousands for the most perfect examples. Brooches, scarf pins, and rings run from about $20 upwards.

Fascination of Pearls.

Pearls, the symbol of tears in nearly every land, are credited with bringing ill luck especially to brides, and yet they have been always coveted, but it was not until comparatively recent years that they have been within the reach of any but the rich. But culture pearls are, of course, a very different thing and cost only a quarter of the price of a natural pearl though no difference can be detected in weight fire or shape.

Mr. Kodaka's collection at Komor and Komor's should on no account be missed even if you feel you cannot afford a necklace. There are single pearls unset, necklaces from $120, rings, brooches and studs, and these pearls are not only undistinguishable from natural pearls but are in many cases more beautiful.

The Making of a Pearl.

When culture pearls were first put on the market, the experts were puzzled how to distinguish between them and the true pearl. A firm of Parisian pearl dealers spent nearly a million francs before discovering the device now used, by which a strong light is thrown into the interior of a bored pearl, which discloses certain darker spots in the cultivated pearl. Weight, lustre and surface are identical.

black pearl, with a lovely fire. One large and very lovely pearl, as yet unset, was well over twenty years in the making. It is perfect in shape and lustre having only a very small blister which would be lost if it were bored or could be hidden by the setting.

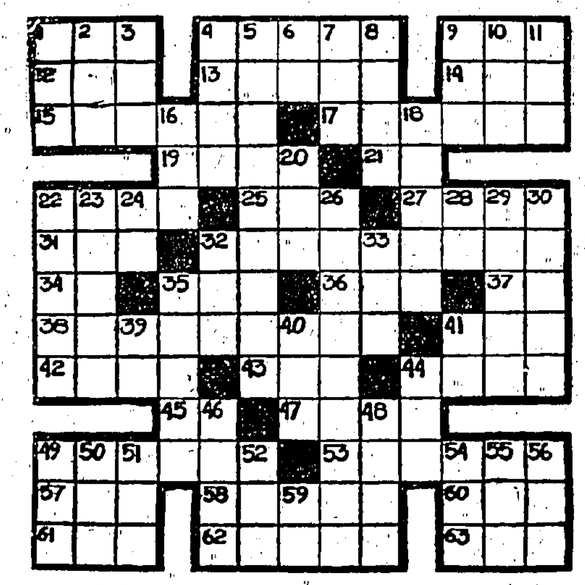
The collection should be seen if only to learn and admire what perfect pearls can be. The tradition of Komor's, which has made Mr. Kemor himself a loved and valued friend of so many Hong Kong residents, is that any one can go in and enjoy the treasures which are on show in his salon without any obligation to buy, and are assured of the most courteous and charming reception. Among other things which you should see are the jars containing oysters in spirit shewing the process of pearl cultivation. The exhibition is open till 6 p.m. every day this week.

The culture pearl is made by exactly the same process as the natural or accidental pearl, except that the irritant which the oyster covers in layer after layer of pearl is introduced by man. At least eight years are required to make a pearl and a slow oyster may take twenty. The oysters are removed each year from the bed and examined. If the pearl making is progressing satisfactorily they are replaced, but the oyster if sick is thrown away. The difference in price is consequently entirely artificial and may possibly collapse at any time, so that the purchase of cultured pearls can be considered as satisfactory in the light of an investment as that of natural pearls. Mr. Kodoka has brought mostly first grade pearls this year, and has had excellent sales yesterday. Last Christmas his stock was not sufficiently large to cover the demands made upon it, so if you want pearls do not delay your visit.

Some of the Beauties.

Among the collection is one exquisite pink pearl set as a scarf pin. In a small box is a perfectly

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

1.—Opening.
4.—Musical instrument.
9.—Globe.
12.—Age.
13.—To come in.
14.—To regret.
15.—Crushed.
17.—An anesthetic.
19.—Imitated.
21.—A continent (initials).
22.—Scatters.
25.—Grassy plain.
27.—Real estate map.
31.—Fuss.
32.—British Asiatic port.
34.—Thus.
35.—Contraction: alternate.
36.—A fish.
37.—Within.
38.—Thing that produces motion.
41.—Insane.
42.—Withered.
43.—The dawn.
44.—Writing implements.
45.—Comparative ending.
47.—Portico.
49.—Frank.
53.—To disregard.
57.—To be indebted to.
58.—A tooth.
60. To expire.
61.—Moist.
62.—To grin pleasantly.
63.—Vast age.

Vertical.

1.—Set jewel.
2.—A constellation.
3.—Dance step.
4.—A look.
5.—Not erasable.
6.—By.
7.—Born.
8.—Worthless remainders.
9.—Mouths.
10.—To operate.
11.—An insect.
16.—Possesses.
18.—Joyous.
20.—Lair.
22.—Files.
23.—To worship.
24.—To leave.
26.—Rural.
28.—Behold.
29.—Follower of Arius.
30.—Cares for.
32.—To petition.
33.—Swiss river.
35.—To hurry.
39.—Conjunction.
40.—Spanish plural article.
41.—Pronoun.
44.—Shallow vessel.
46.—Margins.
48.—Monster.
49.—Domestic animal.
50.—To inspire respect.
51.—Seine.
52.—Portuguese for air.
54.—A poem.
55.—Spanish for river.
56.—Poetic: even.
59.—Symbol for lithium.

This puzzle took 20 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

No. 1519

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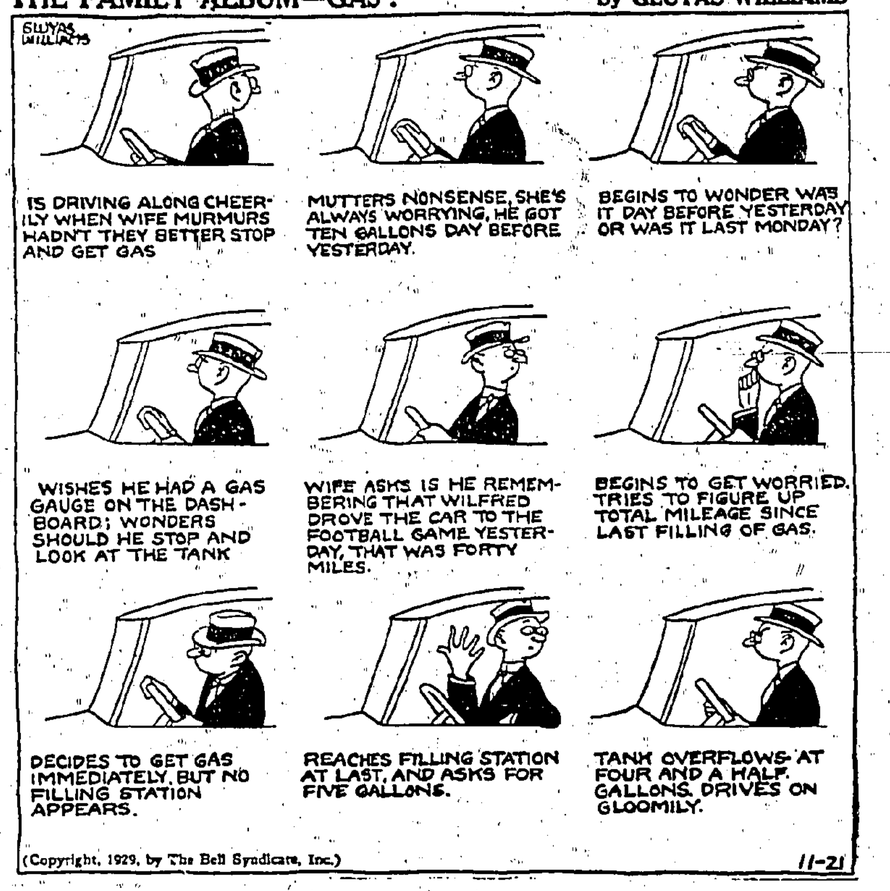
THE FAMILY ALBUM—GAS?

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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WAH YAN COLLEGE DINNER.

A LARGE GATHERING.

There was a large gathering of those interested in education at Wah Yan College last night when the College held its tenth annual dinner in the hall of their new premises in Robinson Road.

Among those present were Right Rev. Bishop Valtorta, Mr. E. Ralphs, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Mr. Sum Pak Ming, J.P., Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Captain E. B. Deakin, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Rev. Mr H. R. Wells, O.B.E., and Mr. T. N. Chau, J.P.

After a sumptuous dinner, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta in a witty speech spoke of the wondrous growth of the school recently. It was a great tribute to Mr. Tsui, the founder. The school was bulging in all directions and the branch school in Kowloon was really a safety valve.

THE FOUNDERS REVIEW.

Mr. Peter Tsui replying said:

I thank you all for honouring us with your presence this evening to join us in celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of the foundation of the Wah Yan College.

There is a common saying which applies to me: "When a man has nothing to do he becomes a schoolmaster, and when a schoolmaster has nothing to do he becomes the founder of a school." My only claim to take this chair this evening lies in the fact that I founded the Wah Yan College ten years ago to-day.

Small Beginnings.

The Wah Yan College had its cradle at No. 60, Hollywood Road, consisting of one flat, one teacher and four boys. At the end of one year the number of pupils rose to 100 occupying four flats. In 1921 a proper school building at Robinson Road was rented and the number on the roll was 400. In 1924 a branch was opened at Kowloon. Gradually there was an increase in both pupils and teachers, and now there are 800 boys, including 100 boarders, on this side and 300 on the mainland, and a staff of 45. To accommodate this number we have to occupy the St. Joseph's Mansion and the Wah Yan College Building at Robinson Road, and the Wah Yan College Kowloon Branch Building at Nelson Street, Kowloon. So much for the material growth of the college.

The intellectual growth of the college may be shown by the results of the Local University Examinations. Up to 1928 the passes were 56 Matriculations including five Honours, 36 Seniors and 168 Juniors. Wah Yan boys have also been awarded the King Edward VII scholarship, and Government Studentships.

Helpers.

Who are responsible for the rapid growth of the college? It is certainly not I. Wah Yan owes its development to: (1) the charitable Catholic missionaries who are always prepared to help those who are in need. They have been helping Wah Yan since it was two months old; (2) the generous local Government whose educational representatives are always keeping a watchful eye on all schools and ever ready to help those that deserve assistance; (3) the staunch loyalty and support of a truly hard-working staff whose valuable services I have been fortunate enough to secure.

I must not forget to mention that many of our teachers were educated in the Christian Brothers' schools. I myself learned school management mostly from Rev. Bro. Aimar, Director of St. Joseph's College, who, I am sorry to say, is unable to join us this evening.

I am glad to say that with the help of the Italian and the Jesuit Fathers the college has been the means of bringing to the knowledge of many of its pupils the wonderful ideals of Christianity.

And now, Gentlemen, I must conclude. I fervently hope that fifteen years hence, when Wah Yan celebrates its silver jubilee, I shall be alive to welcome you again in a more spacious hall and amid happier surroundings.

MR. RALPHS' REPLY.

Mr. E. Ralphs, responding for the guests, referred to the many able speakers in their midst who might have tackled the task with greater ability.

"On behalf of all the guests," said the speaker, "I would like to thank you very cordially for giving us the opportunity of being here to-night and celebrating with you the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the Wah Yan College. Mr. Tsui has given you, very briefly the history of the College, and more modestly still the part he has played. I am in a position to speak as one having authority on these matters, by virtue of my office I have been very closely connected with the college from the day on which Mr. Tsui called on me and formulated his scheme for the establishment of a little private school which he proposed to open in a flat in Hollywood Road; the school was opened, and it consisted of four boys and one master, Mr. Peter Tsui. It grew rapidly in numbers and, I am glad to say, grew correspondingly in efficiency. But with the increase in numbers, came a great increase in expenditure, and there was a period when, I fear, Mr. Tsui must have passed many sleepless nights. A crisis came, the fate of the school trembled in the balance, and Mr. Tsui had to come to a decision; on the one side lay very heavy financial responsibilities, and apparently only slender chances of a successful solution of the difficulties, that beset the school, on the other an offer by which the school would pass out of Mr. Tsui's hands, while he himself would have been appointed Head Master, and his financial troubles would have disappeared. Mr. Tsui considered the matter for some anxious days, then to his lasting credit, announced that he would nail his colours to the mast and win, or go down fighting. Well, gentlemen, he has won. The struggling school of four boys and one master conducted in a little flat has grown into a school of 800 boys in Hong Kong and 300 in Kowloon, with a staff of 45.

Of its efficiency, as shewn by University Examination results, you have already heard; and I would add that the school has earned very satisfactory reports for efficiency from the Staff of the Education Department. During the last few years Mr. Tsui has been very ably assisted by Mr. Lim, who has acted as Head Master, Mr. Tsui performing the duties of Director.

To Mr. Tsui and Mr. Lim, and to all Members of the Staff, the greatest praise and our warmest congratulations are due.

Gentlemen, I ask you to join me in the toast "Prosperity to Wah Yan College," and with the toast I couple the names of Mr. Peter Tsui, Founder and Director, and Mr. Lim, the Head Master.

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GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AND WAGES.

PAINTERS' ACTION IN SUMMARY COURT.

At the Summary Court yesterday, the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) said that in his opinion it would be fair and reasonable if he be suggested that the litigants before him should try to settle the dispute by applying the P.W.D. rate of wages. His Lordship asked the parties to approach Mr. E. Newhouse, of the P.W.D., to lay down the rates. Plaintiff's figures could then be calculated on those rates.

The case was one in which a firm of painters sued a contractor firm for $311.72, alleged to be due for materials supplied and work done. It was stated that defendant was a Government contractor and was required to do painting work in connection with railway property at Fanling and Shatin. Defendant employed plaintiff to do part of the work and had paid $102.56 into Court, denying liability for the remainder.

Plaintiff claimed $1.25 a day for each painter and 55 cents for each tin of oil used in the work. Defendant's case was that he agreed to pay plaintiff whatever was received from the Government in respect of the work done.

His Lordship's suggestion was agreed to by the parties concerned. Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jnr., for the defendant.

CROWN LAND SALES.

KEEN BIDDING FOR WONG-NEICHUNG LOT.

At the Crown Land Office yesterday three lots were sold by public auction. The first lot New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1290 at the junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Kweilin Street was sold to Messrs. Kwong Wong, Wong Chan Wun and Fan Sung of 1, Wong Chuk Street at the upset price of $23,700. The land has an area of about 15,800 sq. feet and its annual rental is $108.

The second lot Inland Lot No. 2270, which was the most important offer, was sold to Messrs. Tse Liu Fong and Tse Tsing Fong of 132, Des Voeux Road for $63,100 after keen bidding which lasted almost an hour. The upset price was $32,780. The land is situated at Village Road and has an area of about 16,390 sq. feet. Its annual rental is $94.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1921, was sold to Messrs. Wong Chan Si and Ko Huen Luen of 79, Wongneichung Road at the upset price of $6,975. The land has an area of about 4,650 sq. feet and is situated at the junction of Yu Chau Street and Maple Street. The annual rental is $32.

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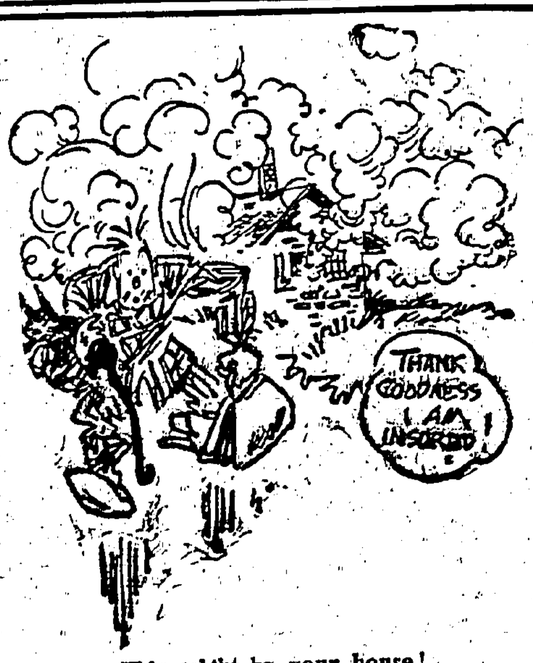

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INSTONE BANKING CORPORATION.

"VERY BAD ACCOUNTING."

MR. S. H. ROSS'S SEVERE CRITICISMS.

The proceedings at Central Magistracy against Mr. Noel Instone Brewer, who is charged under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in connection with the affairs of the Instone Banking Corporation, were continued before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham yesterday.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted and Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the defence. Mr. M. K. Lo watched the proceedings on behalf of the auditor, Mr. Li Tung.

ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES.

Mr. S. H. Ross (chartered accountant of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming) who gave evidence at the last hearing, was recalled.

Answering Mr. Fitzroy, witness said he was an experienced auditor and would not have passed the $1,420,950 as uncalled capital. The statement in the balance sheet showing this sum under the heading of "Uncalled Capital" was incorrect. The books showed the value of the unallotted shares in the Share Capital account. In November, 1927, it was transferred out of Capital Account to Allotment and Suspense Account. In spite of that it was still included in the Uncalled Capital Account. Nothing had ever been paid on the shares, as far as witness could say. There were some application forms in connection with it, all dated July, August or September, 1927. These were not completed, and were evidently regarded as doubtful, hence the transfer to "Suspense" account.

One of the biggest of these applicants was Kwang Hoi Tin. One thousand shares belonging this person were forfeited; this being stated in the books of the bank. These forfeited shares were included in the accounts although they were never an asset, and it must have been obvious to those who drew up the balance sheet that they could not be realised.

Regarding the item accounts receivable entered among the assets at $221,360.87, this actually consisted of $113,000,—which was 10 per cent. of the uncalled capital. This again was not an asset.

Collateral Security Loans.

Coming to collateral security loans, witness said that so far as he had been able to find out there was no such security, barring the application forms above referred to.

Mr. Fitzroy handed a number of these forms to witness and asked if there was any record of the loans being paid. Witness replied that no payment had been made beyond the five or ten per cent. deposited at the outset. The total amount of loans granted to shareholders was $761,100 of which $432,000 was granted to Mrs. Brewer. There was no collateral security whatever and the statement in the balance sheet regarding such security was false.

As an auditor, witness would regard such loans as unsecured loans. The Company only had $9,330 cash in hand on June 1, 1927, although on paper it had lent $761,100. These loans were made in June and July, 1927, but during the whole of that time they never had the cash in hand, so that the loans were a physical impossibility! The Corporation only had about $60,000 in June and July, 1927, all told. They never had the money to make the loans. They entered up certain money in the books as received against share capital and the same amount paid out as a loan. There was no collateral security or loan.

Mortgage and Long Term Loans appeared to be false as witness found no mortgage form at the bank. The amount of $266,630 was made up of several small items and one big one of $260,000 owing from the Hong Kong branch. This was not a mortgage but merely a cross-entry in the Hong Kong branch books. That sum could not be classed as an asset.

Speaking of Stocks, shares and other investments ($484,831.80) witness said this comprised $415,000 in the Instone Trading Company. Purchasing a goodwill in a bond selling business cost $69,793.60. Witness said that goodwill should not come under "stock share and other investments." That was wrong. However, against this sum $55,000 was refunded and the entry against the goodwill should not have been $69,793.60 but only $14,600 odd.

Mr. Brewer and the Instone Trading Company.

Regarding shares in the Instone Trading Company, witness said the Company was formed thirteen days before the balance sheet was made out. They owned 4,800 shares of the Instone Bank, transferred to them from Mrs. Brewer.

The actual market value of the shares in the Instone Trading Company was not stated in the books. Assuming that the whole property of the Instone Trading Company was 4,500 shares in the Instone Bank, the Company would be worth nothing as the assets of the Instone Bank at the time were such that they were not more than sufficient to pay their creditors. The bank [illegible] from an inspection of the balance sheet the directors of the bank must have known that the shares of the bank were worth nothing and consequently the shares in the Instone Trading Company must be worth nothing.

Regarding 4,800 shares in Mrs. Brewer's name, the allotment, said witness, was made on June 21, 1927. A payment of $48,000 was made, but this was only a cross-entry against the bond-selling goodwill refunded to the Bank by Mr. Brewer. On June 28 Mrs. Brewer had a loan of $432,000, so that the shares became fully paid up. These shares were transferred to the Instone Trading Company for $415,000.

Witness said the Customers' Deposit were overstated by $260,000.

In filing the Statutory report it was stated that the total number of shares issued wholly for cash was $800,000. The statement was wrong, in witness' opinion.

The Nature of "Payment in Cash."

Mr. Davidson preceeded his cross-examination by telling Mr. Ross that he would not quarrel with the latter as to the question of accounts. He was prepared to agree to anything regarding accounts from Mr. Ross.

Regarding the Statutory Report, Mr. Davidson said that they were only concerned on the question of whether it was or was not a perjured report. "In point of fact," asked Mr. Davidson, "when shares are allotted in practice, no cash is received at all?"

Witness: I don't agree with you.

Mr. Davidson asked if allotments were not frequently paid by cheques and occasionally by bank notes, but seldom or never in hard cash? Witness agreed that hard cash was seldom used.

"In fact," asked Mr. Davidson, "cash in the literal sense of the term is never used?"

Witness: Yes.

It is, therefore, a matter of opinion as to what constitutes a payment in cash?—Yes.

Mr. Davidson explained to witness that it was not a question of whether the Instone Bank was properly conducted or whether it was a sound financial concern. Rightly or wrongly the method adopted by the bank was to invite shareholders to make payments in advance of calls and then money was lent to shareholders for the balance of the shares. "That," asked Mr. Davidson, "I put it to you, was the transaction shown by the books?"

Witness: I can't agree that they paid the money and that it was lent back to them.

I am not asking you to say that. It was treated in the books as if that had been done?—Yes.

The result was that instead of having a right to make a call on the shareholders, the Company got definite promises to pay on demand?—Yes.

Assuming that the shareholder was a substantial person the Company had a slight advantage in being able to say to him "We want your money now" instead of having to make a call?—Yes.

Mr. Davidson next asked witness if it would be a cash transaction if a man paid cash over the counter for his shares and the next moment got his money back and signed an agreement to pay it later.

Having signed the agreement, Mr. Davidson pointed out to witness, the shareholders would be justified to claim that he had paid in cash. Mr. Davidson went on to say that in law, in a transaction of such a character, the cash transaction could be dispensed with. He went further to say that any transaction which would support a plea of payment in cash was a cash transaction.

Witness pointed out that he did not think the transactions of the Instone Bank were cash transactions. The books of a company should record the transactions which have taken place and to say that the Company received and paid away $750,000 on the same day to the shareholders did not seem to him to be genuine cash transactions.

Bad Accounting Only?

Coming to the balance sheet, Mr. Davidson asked if it was not a document of great complexity. Witness said he did not think so.

It is a document which surely requires an expert to read it?—I don't think so.

Do you suppose I can prepare a correct balance sheet?—If you were a book-keeper you could.

A book-keeper has very special training?—Yes.

You require a certain amount of training to read a balance sheet correctly?—I appreciate the finer points, but anyone should be able to read a balance sheet. An ordinary business man should be able to read the balance sheet.

You have told us that uncalled capital should not be shown as an asset or liability?—I think I said uncalled capital on unallotted shares.

But that, of course, is a matter of accounting only?—It is more than that.

What is it then?—You should not show uncalled capital as an asset.

I admit it is bad accounting, but you are not going to say it is perjury?—It is misleading.

Would it be misleading to anybody who understands a balance sheet?—One assumes that it is worth the money showing on the balance sheet.

I may say that to put uncalled capital on the balance sheet is merely accounting?—It is very bad accounting.

Mr. Davidson asked witness if he was aware that regarding allotments, it was in the Articles of Association that payment should not be less than 5 per cent. of the nominal value of the shares? Witness agreed.

Mr. Davidson asked whether if shareholders were responsible and liable for the balance on the allotments it was not untrue to insert them in the balance sheet?

Mr. Ross said that even if they were liable it should not be put on the balance sheet.

Mr. Davidson: I admit that it should not have gone on the balance sheet. I say that if these people were liable then it is not untrue to put them in the balance sheet.

Witness: It is not untrue.

The hearing was adjourned.

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ROUND THE COURTS.

BANK CLERK SENT TO JAIL.

Pedro Nolasco, a clerk employed at the Netherlands Bank, was convicted by Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of forgery of a document involving $136 from the bank. A sentence of six months' imprisonment was imposed.

OBJECTION TO DYNAMITE IN COURT.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton objected to the presence of a quantity of dynamite in Court as evidence of a seizure on a fishing junk in Aberdeen Harbour, and remarked that the explosive should be left outside the Court under guard.

A fisherman was charged with possession of the dynamite, two rifles and 30 rounds of ammunition on his boat. The police officer who prosecuted informed the Magistrate that it did not appear to be a case of serious smuggling and the Police were not pressing the case.

A aggregate fine of $100 or three months' imprisonment was imposed.

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SAMPAN CONFISCATED.

On the application of C. P. O. Clarke a passenger sampan 936 V.Y., was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Hamilton.

It was stated that on December 9, the mistress of the sampan was convicted and fined $13,000 or one year's imprisonment for possession of 400 taels of raw opium and 30 taels of prepared opium on board her boat.

HOW HEROIN PILLS WERE FOUND.

The mistress of a junk who is charged with unlawful possession of 20 cases of heroin pills containing 200,000 pills, pleaded guilty when charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith yesterday.

The case was adjourned for the report from the Government Analyst regarding the nature of the pills.

Detective Sergeant Fitches said that the information on which they acted was so vague that after two hours' search nothng could be found. The police returned the next day with more definite information and threatened that if the drug was not given up every panel in the living quarters would be broken. The woman pulled away a panel which concealed the drug.

The Magistrate remarked that he would like to hear more about the pills as he wanted to know how many would constitute a fatal dose. The charge was brought under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance and sentence depended on the strength of the pills. They might be perpectly harmless.

The defendant was remanded.

TO DYNAMITE PIRATES.

A master of a fishing junk who was charged with possession of 13 sticks of dynamite and four de-

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THE BROKEN BRIDGE.

REPAIRS ON CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY TO WAIT.

Railway communication between Canton and Kowloon is still interrupted. According to a vernacular report it was originally decided by the Chinese authorities to repair the bridge at Shek Ha without delay, but as bandits might destroy the bridge again no work will be taken in hand at present. When the situation becomes quieter the work will be done.

It is reported that the damage to the bridge is so slight that it will take only a few days to put everything right.

tonators, said that he required them for protection against pirates.

His Worship in imposing a fine of $20 remarked that it would be very dangerous to himself if he used dynamite to frighten off pirates!

AN AGED OFFENDER.

A Chinese of 75 years of age with convictions in 1909 and 1920 for stealing, appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith for taking an iron bar from a contractor's shed. The defendant's present occupation was begging at Shum Chun.

A sentence of one months' hard labour was imposed.

Defendant said that his wife was 80 and blind.

BRIGHT SCHOLAR.

A Chinese youth who was charged with stealing $17, was described by his grandmother as a bright scholar. It was stated that the defendant was caned in October and again in November. The Magistrate ordered the bright scholar to jail for three months' with hard labour.

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"A MONUMENT TO FR. MATTEO RICCI."

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), performed the opening ceremony yesterday of Ricci Hall, the new University Hostel in Pokfulam Road, and among distinguished guests present were the Rev. G. Byrne, S.J., the Bishop of Victoria, Bishop H. Valtorta, the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Italian Consul, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr.da Souza, the Very Rev. Dean Swann, Professor Forster, the Hon. Dr. Wellington, Mr. Lee Yau Tsun, C.B.E., and Professor Middleton Smith.

The Hall is named Ricci to commemorate the memory of Matteo Ricci, priest, Sinologue and Scientist who, after some years in Canton and Shiuhing, was permitted to settle in Peking in the year 1601.

CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AS EDUCATIONAL BASIS.

Following the opening ceremony—the unlocking of the main door, with a silver key—by His Excellency, a short blessing was pronounced by Bishop Valtorta. The guests then assembled in the court at the back of the building for the addresses.

In his address of welcome, Father G. Byrne, S.J., said:—

"Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—We have assisted at a ceremony which is simple in its accomplishment but profound in its implications. Opening a door is so simple an act that the burglar can dispense with your keys, yet opening a door is so full of meaning that the phrase has become one of the rich metaphors of our language. Our memories of the past, our joys, our hopes, our aspirations, all crowd through the open door of our minds, voluntarily or involuntarily admitted. Everyone realises that no quest is so human as the quest of the golden key which unlocks the door of the temple of knowledge. You can see, then, how fitting is the ceremony, just performed by His Excellency, of opening the door of a new University Hostel, destined for students of the Universal knowledge.

Tribute to Sir Cecil.

"It seems to me that there is an especial appropriateness in the function for His Excellency, at the present moment. To the regret of all, he and Lady Clementi are about to leave us. In the mind of the Home Government, Singapore is a step higher on the administrative ladder, but to us, who know the East, it is absurd to say that a Governor, in the low-lying Straits, could climb higher than Mountain Lodge, on the Peak. Certain it is that His Excellency will find it difficult to reach a higher point in the esteem of his new friends than he has reached in the goodwill of all Hong Kong.

"He has devoted himself, untiringly to every phase of local development, and I am sure that he will not contradict me if I say that the growth of the University has had a very warm corner in his heart, and that no one has worked more actively than he to help the University to pass the stage of what Mr. Hornell called 'its growing pains.' From the first he has taken a keen interest in the erection of Ricci Hall. It is an addition to the University; and may we flatter ourselves that, at least in its ideals, it is an addition that would appeal to his scholarship?

"The name chosen for the Hall—Ricci Hall—suggest that those responsible for its direction wish to borrow a leaf from His Excellency's own book of scholarship, by trying to make a happy blend of Western and Eastern scholarship. Long before Ricci, Western missionaries, Western traders, Western explorers had found their way to the East, Matteo Ricci (pronounced Ritchie) was the first to establish himself at the court of Peking, not only as a recognised scientist, but as a master in science who opened up new fields of knowledge to the scholars of the East. After working for some years in Canton, Shiuhing and other parts of South China, Father Ricci finally got permission to settle in Peking, on January 24, 1601. At Peking he remained until his death on May 11, 1610. He was known to the citizens as Priest, Sinologue and Scientist and to quote the words of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*: 'Probably no European name of past centuries is so well-known as that of Li-mateu, the form in which the name of Ricci was adapted to Chinese usage. The works which he composed in Chinese are numerous. They are said to display an aptitude—for—clothing ideas in a Chinese dress very rare and remarkable in a foreigner.' (Encyc. Britann. 13th edit. XXIII. p.289).

Link with the Past.

"It is natural that those who belong to the Jesuit Order, of which Father Ricci was a member, should seek to perpetuate his memory by some suitable memorial in the East. It a happy coincidence that the first warden of the Hall—Father MacDonald—should have commenced his connection with the East in Shiuhing and Canton, as did Ricci. Father MacDonald has just come to us from Canton where, last year, he taught mathematics in Cantonese. Through Father MacDonald would be the first to deny any claim to a scholarship such as Ricci's, I am quite safe in saying that in devotion to the study of the language he is one with his illustrious brother, and if he and those associated with him in the work were not animated by the ideals of Ricci, this Hall would have remained unbuilt.

"If you ask what more precisely these ideals are, I would say that they, are happily summed up in the title given to Ricci: 'Priest, Sinologue, Scientist. These ideals are developed by Cardinal Newman in his *Idea of University*.

"He claims as the scope of a University the culture of a universal knowledge, and shows that this aim cannot be attained unless the mind sweeps the Heavens as well as the earth. We have been selecting Christmas cards, these days, and the traditions of Christmas must bring home to us the impossibility of understanding the thought of a Dante, a Shakespeare, a Milton without some of the theology of the Incarnation. Nor can we divorce the art of Michelangelo, or Raphael, of Murillo from the same theology.

Need of Hostels.

"For this reason, amongst others, we can see the need of hostels which, within a University, afford such students, as freely desire, it, the opportunity of pursuing, *pari passu* with their seculiar studies, the culture which, to those who believe in religion at all, must dominate all other cultures—the religious development of their souls. In the biochemical laboratory an excellent menu card of carbohydrates and proteins suitably blended for our dinner may be drawn up, but we are more interested in the social side of our parties than even in vitamins, and the best equipped laboratory does not analyse table talk. A full University course should prepare the student to be some more than a doctor or an engineer or a lawyer; it should prepare him to be a man, to play to the full his role of duty in life:

"'So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low—Thou must,
The youth replies—I can!'

"The social life of a University Hall where students of so many different races, creeds and varied cultures meet, should be an invaluable training ground. The permanent staff of the Hall will consist of the Warden with two or three others, all University graduates of different faculties: thus, at present, literature, medicine and engineering are represented. As in the residential Halls of Oxford and Cambridge private assistance is given such students as desire it, so it will be aim of the Fathers to help those who may need help in their studies.

Mental Indigestion.

"Amongst other things you will notice that we are endeavouring to build up a useful library for the benefit of the students. We shall try to make this library more serviceable by lectures on such subjects as the use of libraries, the choice of books, the most profitable way to read, etc. Lord Bacon has truly said that 'reading maketh a full man' but he did not add that indiscriminate reading may produce a mental indigestion more dangerous than the bodily malady and more difficult to cure.

"On the open book, above the hall door, you have noticed a phrase from the Analects of Confucius, which we might render freely into English: 'In your quest of scholarship follow the man of high ideals, not the man of low ideals.' We shall be happy if the student of Ricci Hall has this motto 'Excelsior' as his watchword. We hope, certainly, that the immediate result of his efforts will be success in the examination hall. But we hope still more that, even if he were to fail in the list of academic honours, he will not fail in the more important roll call of being a man every inch a man: 'tis not in mortals to command success, but I've done better, I've deserved it.'

"On behalf of the staff of Ricci Hall, I beg to thank very sincerely H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi for his presence to-day and his genuine interest in the Hall, Bishop Valtorta for unfailing encouragement, Professor Middleton Smith, the senior Dean of the University staff for his presence on the platform to welcome us into the University circle. I might add that the acquisition of the beautiful site is due not only to his engineering instinct but to his artistic sense which, years ago, persuaded the military authorities that 'better is wisdom than weapons of war.'

The Voice of Youth.

"The architects, Messrs. Little, Adams and Wood, the contractors, Messrs. Lam Woo, the electricians, Messrs. Jack, Messrs. Reiss Massey for the heating, Lee Yu Kee for the range will all be rewarded by your approbation, when you have examined their work. Nor will you deny it to Messrs. Chung and Chung for the room furniture nor to Mr. Chanatong for the design of the library presses and last but not the least mention must be made of Mr. Vannini who did the chapel.

"We are indebted to the Club Lusitano for allowing us one of their billiard tables at a more than reasonable cost.

"Besides all these I should mention a small list of benefactors who have contributed towards the cost of furnishing the hostel. As I hope that the list will be increased, I am withholding publication for the moment. It is customary to make an appeal for institutions such as this. If I imitate the general custom, I know that I can call upon your goodness which has grown by frequent giving, and at the same time I can appeal to your civic sense.

"'St. Paul boasted that he 'was a citizen of no mean city,' a 'Hong Konger' can surely indulge in the boast, to say nothing of the resident who points to the placard of 'Greater Kowloon.' Now you are convinced that a University and all the machinery that goes to work it are not a luxury but a necessity to the national life. You leave mansions behind you, they will crumble and be replaced; you leave thoughts—those who will take your place, what have you done:—

"'What is white?
The soul of the sage, faithlit,
The trust of Age,
The infant's untaught wit.
What more white?
The face of Truth made known,
The Voice of Youth
Singing before her throne.'"

PROF. MIDDLETON SMITH.

Professor Middleton Smith, in the course of a lengthy address, referred to the excellent assistance which would undoubtedly be rendered to the tutorial facilities of the University by the new Hostel. These Hostels, he believed, were due to the fertile brain of Lady Lugard. (Applause.)

The saying was accredited to the Duke of Wellington, who founded King's College (London) that the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing-fields of Eton. Yet the Iron Duke made no provision for playing-fields in connection with the University he had founded! Fortunately, this could not be said of Hong Kong University. (Hear, hear.)

The speaker said he hoped he would live long enough to be present at the opening of another such Hostel for students and that it would have "Clementi Hall" for its title. (Hear, hear.)

During the past 17 years, the University had experienced many difficulties but the problem presented by the divergance of views upon religious matters was one that had never troubled them. In this, as in connection with all contentious questions, they had all—staff and students—worked together in perfect harmony and accord. (Applause.)

BISHOP VALTORTA.

Bishop H. Valtorta next addressed the gathering.

"It is indeed a great privilege and a great happiness to see here now more than realised my long cherished desire of having a Catholic University Hostel in Hong Kong," he said:

"The invitation extended long ago by the University Authorities to my Mission to start a Catholic Hostel had been eagerly accepted. The Catholic Church—while fully respecting religious liberty and actually forbidding all forms of religious coercion—yet it wishes that Christian principles and ideals should always accompany step by step and even up to University training, the education of youth; consequently it wishes that full opportunities for them be given to all.

"The short 22 years which I have passed in China have more than convinced me of the absolute necessity of Christian principles as a basis for education. I have seen a feverish activity for education in China: Schools and Universities were started in a very encouraging number, as education was thought by many to be the panacea for all evils. Yet I have seen once more how true it is, as the great educationalist Tommaseo said, that the School, when it ceases to be a temple, becomes a den.

Character and Mind.

"Even the finest education has not stopped many a man from becoming a disgrace to his own family and to his own country; and it has been a sad thing indeed for some German missionary friends of mine to fall, quite recently, into the hands of Communist hordes, whose leaders were able to elegantly converse with them in the language of Goethe and state that they had received a first class University education.

"To the instruction of the mind must be joined the moulding of the character, to the scientist we must add the man; and this is such a task that it cannot be fully accomplished except with the help of Religion.

"These reasons have moved the Catholic Mission to agree to start a University Hostel. However, the Mission has always been handicapped by one difficulty or another so that it could not succeed until today. But I am a witness that it has always tried all it could do. I was even amused on a certain occasion when my predecessor Bishop Pozzoni, despairing of a better solution, went to the extent of asking even my poor self to make a start for an Hostel in the small Mission House that stood once on the site of the present fine building of King's College.

Jesuits and Thoroughness.

"Anyhow, when there is a will there is a way. So many persevering efforts had to be rewarded and are now crowned in the most befitting manner. Here is the result, here is the prize, here is the monument. *Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.* The building, the equipment and, above all, the exceptionally fine staff of the Hall which is adorned with the great name of Ricci make this Hostel a most welcome addition to our University.

"Of course, once I had succeeded in having the Jesuits of the English Assistancy come to Hong Kong for the purpose, I was perfectly sure of a result like the one which we have the pleasure of seeing now realized. The Jesuit Fathers, whenever they start on something, always do it in the most thorough and efficient way so that nothing whatever remains to be desired on their part.

"Such an one was Matteo Ricci, the great Italian Jesuit who came to China over three centuries ago: he put such a zeal in his mission that he was sought at the Imperial Court of Peking and added to his many great qualities and merits that of becoming a most distinguished Chinese Scholar.

"Such, I have no doubt, will be the Jesuit staff of Ricci Hall. Together with the undying gratitude of the Catholic Mission, they will gain for themselves the gratitude and the blessings of all those who, all over China, will have the fortune of ever coming into contact with such men as will have been educated by them at Ricci Hall." (Applause.)

THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

His Excellency the Governor said:—

"Father Byrne, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"Both as Chancellor of the Hong Kong University and as Governor of this Colony I welcome the establishment of Ricci Hall; and it is a great pleasure to me to perform the opening ceremony to-day. The founders of the Hong Kong University rightly decided that the institution should be residential, in order that its undergraduates might enjoy the benefits which are so marked a feature of residential universities in England.

"Moreover, the *raison d'être* of the Hong Kong University is, or should be, to explain China to the West and the West to China. But such an object cannot be achieved merely by lectures to students in a class-room, supplemented by private study in private homes or in a lodging-house.

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COOKS SUE THEIR EMPLOYER.

RESTAURANT MANAGER AS DEFENDANT.

QUARREL SETTLED AND "MADE UP."

Three separate actions in which there were five plaintiffs who had been connected with the Tong Yuen Restaurant in the kitchen department were mentioned at the Summary Court yesterday before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), when plaintiffs sought to recover from the management damages for alleged discharge without notice.

One plaintiff, who was stated to have secured a job on a British gunboat two days after the alleged dismissal, was not present owing to the vessel being away from port. His claim was for $35.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for Chan Wai Nam, manager of the Tong Yuen Restaurant, and the plaintiffs were not legally represented.

Alleged Dismissal Without Notice.

Evidence was given by the plaintiffs that the defendant manager told them at the end of the day's work on November 30 that their services would not be required from the following day as there had been a change of partners. They immediately asked for a month's notice in lieu of wages, but this was refused. It was alleged that the next day new servants were brought in although certain of the plaintiffs continued to remain on the premises for three days, doing no work, but still being provided with meals.

In cross-examination it was denied that the manager had occasion to reprimand some of the plaintiffs for, taking meat "for their own purposes" and that subsequently the absent plaintiff, who was the chief cook, adopted an insolent attitude.

In the course of his evidence defendant said that the plaintiffs walked out of their own accord, that he had to bring in new servants and much inconvenience was caused to his business. He admitted that he offered to pay the men three days' wages for December as a gratuity, but he was under no obligation to pay them anything as he never dismissed them.

Litigants Discuss the Matter.

His Lordship considered that there was some doubt that the plaintiffs ceased work on their own accord seeing that the manager offered to pay them three days' wages. He thought it was a matter in which the parties might agree to a compromise.

After a short adjournment to enable the parties to discuss the matter, His Lordship was informed that the defendant had agreed to pay $12 arrears of salary and an additional $26 which represented half a month's pay, to each of the four defendants.

His Lordship entered judgment on the basis agreed. In the case of the absent plaintiff, his claim was struck out, but as he had secured employment almost after leaving the restaurant, he would in any fresh suit be entitled to claim only $10 due as back wages.

Plaintiffs and defendant displayed the utmost good feeling at the end of the case, and the employer good-naturedly invited his erstwhile employees to call at his premises any time for the money awarded to them in the judgment.

For Cadet Officers.

"Some form of collegiate life is essential; and it is this which the hostels of the Hong Kong University, of which Ricci Hall is one, aim at supplying. So important is this matter in the view of the Hong Kong Government that arrangements are now made for our cadet officers on arrival in the Colony to be attached to the Hong Kong University and, whenever acommodation is available, to live in one of the University hostels.

"We wish by this means, on the one hand, to facilitate the Chinese studies of cadets and, on the other hand, to establish friendly contact from the outset between Chinese undergraduates and young Britishers newly arrived in Hong Kong, who have in most cases very recently themselves been undergraduates in one of the universities at home.

"We hope thereby to benefit, not only the students, but the University and the Colony as well; for in years to come the University hostels will, I anticipate, play a role of increasing importance in the life of the Colony and they should materially contribute to mutual understanding between the many races of which the Colony's population is composed.

"Even at a distance I shall watch the career of Ricci Hall with deep interest and I shall expect to hear great things of its achievements for the cause of education, for the cause of good fellowship and for the cause of righteousness." (Applause.)

The guests then adjourned for tea, after which the inspection of the new Hall was made.

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The anticyclone remains central to the N.E. of Japan. Shallow depressions cover S. Korea and S.W. China.

Local Forecast:—S.E. to E. winds, moderate, cloudy, some drizzle or mist, becoming cooler.

DEATH.

HUMPHREYS.—At Tientsin, on December 15, following pneumonia, J. L. Humphreys, C.M.G., C.B.E., Governor of British North Borneo. [8761

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POLITICS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

What are described as "heroic measures" have been taken by the French Government in order to deal with the huge volume of legislative business which has accumulated. The Chamber of Deputies is to have three sessions daily, including Sundays, until the Budget is passed. French politics are not easy for the foreigner to follow; changes of Ministries sometimes come about with bewildering rapidity, and dejected political exiles return to the fray, fresh and in fine fighting mood, so swiftly that onlookers outside France are at a loss to understand how such things are possible. One simple fact explains a great deal—out of the total membership of the Chamber—612 Deputies—more than half are insurgents, no matter who happens to be in power. Moreover, the French Chamber contains representatives of eleven different parties or groups, the members of which shift from one group to another without warning or apparent cause. In addition there is a floating element of more than 100 Deputies who owe allegiance to none and are proud of their independence. They cause most of the trouble, because no Cabinet ever knows how they will vote.

The main difficulty with the French parliamentary system is that there is no majority. Neither the Right nor Left has sufficient strength to present a Cabinet which can depend upon a constant majority. The result is that "pretenders" for the Premiership must form a coalition of parties, and that is done by bartering away portfolios. Election to the French Chamber is not by party label. There are several groups, such as the Communists, Socialists, and Radical-Socialists which present definite platforms, but most candidates seeking election to the Chamber run independently. There are no party machines, and election generally falls to the man who can make the most promises and the finest speeches. There is plenty of oratory in French politics. Corner cafes are made the headquarters of rival candidates, and followers go out into the neighbourhood to bring voters to the cafe to listen to a candidate's theories on making France safe for Democracy, and incidently to sip wine. Once in the Chamber, the Deputies join whatever group they wish. They may have been elected on a programme supporting M. Poincare, but once within the walls of the Chamber, they can join up with the Radicals or the Royalists, and their supporters have nothing to say.

The French Chamber leans to the Left, Pisa-like. Its Centre is really far to the Right, and its Right is negligible. The groups take their names from their geographical position in the Chamber. The Communists sit at the extreme left of the semicircle facing the President, so they comprise the "Extreme Left" and the Royalists, at the opposite end of the half-circle, the "Extreme Right." In between are nine other parties. In the Centre are the two great groups, the Maginot group of Liberal Action, led by the present Minister of War, and the Marin group of the Union Republican-Democratic. Names mean nothing. These are not parties, but groups of independents banded together for strength under men who obtained leadership by the force of their political positions. The Communists are the noise-makers of the Chamber. They argue with any speaker, wholly regardless of the rules of parliamentary decorum. They vote as a block, and generally against anything the Government wants. They follow a policy of obstruction, and happily for the Government most of the 11 Communist Deputies are in jail. Marcel Cachin is their leader. The Socialists are the chief enemies of the Communists, and with 100 Deputies in their ranks, the Socialists are one of the greatest groups in the Chamber. The leaders, Leon Blum and Paul Boncour, are very moderate in their views, and the rank and file of the party makes little trouble.

The Radical-Socialists are really badly named. Somehow the title conveys a picture of long-haired men speaking of revolution and ruin from soap-boxes under corner gas-lamps, but the Radicals are far from Red, and equally far from radical. They make trouble only because of their numbers, 125, and the quarrelsome spirit of their leaders, Edouard Daladier, Camille Chautemps, and Louis Malvy. The latter was involved in the Caillaux scandal during the war, and was exiled. He is taking his revenge now. The Radical-Socialists are strongly anti-clerical. They fight every move to re-open Catholic schools, and this fight is led by the former Premier, Edouard Herriot. Senators Joseph Caillaux and Maurice Sarraut are other leaders of the party, and its chiefs in the Upper House. M. Briand is the particular star of the Republican-Socialist group, but even with his name and fame, the group has been unable to attract more than 18 members.

The present Premier, Andre Tardieu, is leader of the Left Republicans. This again is a misnomer, for the party is really the heart of the Centre, and with 64 members who generally vote as instructed, it is a bothersome group for anyone with Socialistic intentions. The Maginot group of 29 changes its name often, and is sometimes known as the Group of Democratic and Social Action, and sometimes as the Group of Liberal Action. It corresponds to the Liberal groups around the world and is found in the Centre, near the Marin group. The latter is one of the most important in the whole House, with 102 regular members, and was responsible for the recent overthrow of Briand's eleventh Cabinet. The French Chamber is as temperamental as a *prima donna*, and while in the past few years the Left Block, or Cartel, as it was more generally known, and the Bloc National ruled in turn, those groupings are now obsolete. M. Herriot succeeded in forming the Cartel, which included all the parties of the Left, except the Communists, and took in some of the Centre Deputies. It did not last long, and with the collapse of the franc in 1926, Herriot went down and the Cartel breathed its last. It was succeeded by the Bloc National, which M. Poincare formed from groups of the Right and Centre, with many Radical-Socialists following him. It saw the franc saved and recover, saw stabilization, and the start of the French foreign policy of peace with former enemies. Every ambitious Deputy and Minister dreams of some "bloc" or another, for it is only by creating a coalition that a majority can be formed. So long as France elects her Deputies individually, and allows them freedom of affiliation with the many parties, there is little likelihood of a real majority in the Chamber, so her Cabinet troubles are not yet ended.

News and Views.

Two cases of small-pox, one of typhoid and one of diphtheria were reported during the week-end. All four patients were Chinese.

A portrait of the late Dr. (Mrs.) A. D. Hickling will be unveiled by Lady Clementi at the Tsan Yuk Hospital in Western Street, on Friday, at 3 p.m.

The Jockey Club announce that by order of the Government all ponies in the Jockey Club stables must be malleined. This work is proceeding as quickly as possible. Until the stables are declared free of infection the movement of ponies is prohibited.

The Secretary of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. wishes to inform customers of the Company that great difficulty is being experienced, at certain hours of the day, in taking telephone messages, owing to the noise caused by the pile driving operations on the site of the old Hong Kong Hotel.

Mr. Cerveira de Albuquerque Castro, Consul-General for Portugal in Hong Kong, is leaving for Portugal on furlough with his family on the 28th instant. During his absence, Mr. Carlos Augusto da Rosa will be in charge of the Consulate until the return of Mr. Pedro H. Botelho, Vice-Consul, who is at present in Shanghai.

Another very successful performance of "The Geisha" was given last night by the Philharmonic Society. Some of the first night strangeness had worn off and Mrs. Davidson as "Lady Constance Wynne" was far surer of the part which she took up at short notice. The chorus were as charming as ever and the songs went well.

Over 60 guests were present at a farewell party given at the home of Mr. Oliveira, 19 Ashley Road, Kowloon, last night, to Miss Thelma Collaco, a member at the Shanghai Interport Lawn Tennis team. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and early this morning many of those present at the gathering waved "Good-bye" to Miss Collago as the President Lincoln steamed away from the wharf.

Good old Shansi wine has been selected by General Yen Hsi Shan, the "Model Governor" of Shansi, as the great "comfort" to Chinese soldiers on the Manchurian front. After the settlement of the Sino-Russian controversy, General Yen decided to send a gift of 20,000 bottles of the choicest wine his province produces to the Mukden troops. It was estimated that one bottle of wine would provide "comfort" sufficient for five soldiers.

"Dress in Chinese silks rather than in foreign woollens," is the slogan of the Native Silk Products Salvation Association, printed in Chinese newspapers in Peping. The Association urges students and all persons who can afford to do so to wear silks made in China, rather than woollens made by foreigners. This campaign is the opposite of one made a year ago by Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's adherents, who urged the people to wear cheap cotton cloth, no matter how rich they were.

SUICIDE OF CHANG FAT FUI?

HO YING CHING'S REPORT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 16.

Official sources have received a telegram from Ho Ying Ching stating that Chang Fat Fui committed suicide on Thursday last, after his failure to capture Canton.

The report cannot be confirmed in independent circles.

ALL SECURE!

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

CANTON, Dec. 15.

It is considered that the military situation in Kwangtung is secure.

RETREATING KWANGSI FORCES.

PRECAUTIONS AT WUCHOW.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

WUCHOW, Dec. 15.

The situation at Wuchow is quiet. As the retreating Kwangsi forces will be passing through Wuchow in a few days, necessary arrangements for the safety of foreigners have been made.

Looking Back 25 Years.

Members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong last evening gave a ball at the City Hall. The decorations though not ostentatious were tasteful. An oil painting of the crest of the Institution, bordered with electric lights, decorated the landing on the staircase, and greenery, bunting, etc., was displayed to advantage. About seven hundred altogether were present. There were sixteen dances on the programme, there being five waltzes, and three lancers. The band of the Royal West Kent Regiment was in attendance. The supper was a continuous one, and very well served. The dance was carried out in St. George's and St. Andrew's Hall, and was kept up till well in the morning, late trams and ferries being provided. The various officers for the evening were as follows:—Committee, Messrs. Logan, Banks, and Manager. Supper, Messrs. Logan, Banks, Wilks, Robertson, Ramsay and Richardson. Dancing, Messrs, Lambert, Murphy and Focken. Decorations, Messrs. Richardson, Bridge, MacDonald, Ramsay and Mumford. Invitations, Messrs. Focken, Ramsay and Mumford. Stewards, Messrs. A. G. Gordon, D. Harvie, W. S. Bailey, W. G. Winterburn, A. Milroy, James MacDonald, F. McRobie, J. McCubbin, J. Parkes, T. Skinner, P. Simrock, C. Templeman and James Wilson.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 17, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

On Sunday night, about eight o'clock, a Hakka boat with three European excursionists on board, sailing between Cow-e-Chow and Green Island, was run into by a Chinese Revenue steam-launch. The collision, we are assured, was owing to the careless manner in which the launch was handled. The boat received a severe blow, and as at the time those on board were uncertain what damage was done, they hailed the launch to stand by, but she made off as fast as she could steam in the direction of Chungchow. At the time of collision there was no wind, the boatmen were pulling, and it was clear enough to see a long way off.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 17, 1879.

MOVING AGAINST KWANGSI.

SHIUHING REPORTED RECAPTURED.

CANTON'S NEW DRIVE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 16.

General Ho Ying Ching will leave Canton for Hankow either to-day or to-morrow in compliance with the instructions from Nanking. In a statement issued to the local Press to-day, he stated that the campaign being practically over, his presence in Canton is no longer needed. His services are now required in the impending campaign against Tang Seng Chi.

The entire staff of General Ho will also return to the North. The s.s. Yuen Tai, on which they will make their voyage, is already at anchor off Whampoa.

KWANGSI FORCES ROUTED.

General Chen Tsai Tong left Canton for Samshui last night (Sunday). The Kwangsi troops, after preliminary successes at Lo Bow, Tai Tong and Samshui, last week, were hurled back when the Canton Higher Command transferred several crack units from the northern sector. Defeat was turned into victory, all the lost places were recaptured, with the aid of the gunboats, and the Kwangsi invaders driven back to Szewui and beyond with heavy losses. There are now no more Kwangsi insurgents east of the lower reaches of the North River.

The Canton Military Headquarters to-day claim a sweeping victory in the vicinity of Samshui. According to the official report over 1,000 Kwangsi troops have been taken prisoner. An equal number of rifles and large quantities of supplies were also captured. The Kwangsi troops are now reported to be in retreat and are reported to be evacuating Kwangli, Shiuhing, Takhing and all the strategic points along the West River. The Canton gunboats have arrived in Shiuhing and reoccupied the city without resistance.

HAPPIER DAYS.

Canton is now much quieter, and pedestrians are admitted on the streets up to midnight. But private vehicles are still not allowed on the streets after 9 p.m., nor are rickshaws. The value of the Central Bank of China notes is also going up, to-day's quotation being about 75 cents.

The "Ironsides" are reported to be retreating towards Lung Moon and Tsang Shing. Reports from private sources state that some six regular regiments and several independent units are still intact. The several thousand men killed or captured by the Cantonese troops were largely "people's militia" and organized bandits under Mok Hung, all professing alliance with the "Ironsides."

Chang Fat Fui ordered them into the van, sending a small number of his own regulars with them. Notwithstanding the claims of the Canton Government, it thus appears that the struggle is not all over. But Canton is quite prepared for any eventuality.

"IRONSIDES" IN RETREAT.

ENEMY REORGANISATION TO BE PREVENTED.

According to the vernacular Press, the "Ironsides" are retreating to Szewui and Kwongning. They are unable to counter-attack owing to shortage of ammunition. Aeroplanes on reconnaissance flights reported that no rebels are at Tsungfa, Yuentam and vicinity.

The Kwangsi troops are also reported to be in retreat to Shiuhing and there is a lull on all fronts.

Both Kwangtung and Nanking troops are being reorganised and preparations are under way for the pursuit of the Kwangsi-"Ironsides" coalition. The "Ironsides" will probably try to re-join the Kwangsi troops and a drive by the Kwangtung-Nanking forces in two directions, towards Shiuhing and Szewui, will be made this week.

Chang Fat Fui in Flight?

The following circular signed by Ho Ying Ching, Chen Tsai Tong and Chu Shao Liang on the recent victory of the Kwangtung troops has been issued:—

"On the 12th, the rebels under Chang Fat Fui retreated to Fayuen, where they tried in vain to offer resistance. They organised a 'dare-to-die' corps which counter-attacked our troops in Kouchuenwu and Leunglunghui several times but their attempts proved fruitless and many of them were killed.

"The rebels are now dissatisfied with their leaders and in view of their attitude, Chang Fat Fui fled at night with a hundred bodyguards. Wong Chun Kou (a brigadier-general in the "Ironsides") was seriously wounded and is now missing. The rebels are now scattering and the extermination of the whole body is expected very shortly.

"As to the Kwangsi rebels, they are in the position of a turtle in a jar and will all be disarmed before long."

OBJECTIONS TO MR. OBATA.

REPORTED MESSAGE FROM LAWYERS.

"THE 21 DEMANDS."

(*Wah Tsi Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.

The "All-China Lawyers' Federation" has addressed a telegram to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs protesting against the appointment of Mr. Obata as Japanese Minister to China, on the ground that he forced China to sign the "Twenty-one Demands," for which act they consider him to be the "enemy of the Chinese people."

SHANGHAI PROVISIONAL COURT.

CONCLUDING STAGES OF CONFERENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 16.

The Conference for Re-organisation of the Shanghai Provisional Court, which is nearing the concluding stages, met this morning. The Powers' delegates reported to the Legations after the meeting, but the date of the next meeting was not fixed, pending a reply from the Legations.

C.E.R. CONFERENCE STARTED?

(*Wah Tsi Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.

A Harbin telegram states that Mr. Tsai Yun Sheng arrived at Pogranichnaya on Friday last, and is now negotiating with the Soviet representatives regarding the C.E.R. issue.

ANOTHER "RED" RAID.

MISSIONARY HELD FOR RANSOM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, Dec. 16.

"Reds" raided Tayeh, 50 miles south-east of Hankow, on Friday. They drove out the Government troops and occupied the town for three hours.

The Communists were well disciplined, and there was no indiscriminate looting. They carried off from the town Mr. Sandy, of the Wesleyan Mission, who left without hat and coat, and a magistrate, amongst others.

It is believed that the magistrate was afterwards released, but Mr. Sandy is still held, and a large ransom demanded.

LATER.

The "Reds" also abducted Mr. E. H. Livesley, of the same Mission as Mr. Sandy, from Tayeh.

"EVERYTHING QUIET."

LONDON REVIEWS CHINA SITUATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.

Reports received in authoritative quarters in London show that the situation in China has greatly improved. Canton forces seem to have decisively defeated Chang Fat Fui's "Ironsides," north of Canton, and Kwangsi troops were also repulsed in the West River section.

The situation is consequently generally quieter. Hankow is undisturbed, and Tsinanfu, Peping, Tientsin, Chinkiang, and Manchuria are normal.

The situation on the Shanghai-Nanking front is quiet, except for minor trouble on the railway. There is no serious fighting at the Pukow front and troops are being sent back to Hankow.

PALACES IN PEPING.

TO BE PUT TO PROFITABLE PURPOSES.

Peping, Dec. 5.—The former presidential palaces in the Three Lakes Park, once the pride of the new Chinese Republic, are to be turned into a modern hotel, a sanitorium, and a mass-education school, if plans made by the Board of Park Commissioners are successful. Since the capital was moved south, the palaces have been of little use, and the Board feels that they should not stand idle. They have obtained a large portion of the necessary funds by public contributions, and hope to begin alterations upon the palaces in the near future.

The Three Lakes Park was built by Manchu Emperors as their own private pleasure grounds, but is now open to the public for a small entrance fee.

PEACE PACT AND "NEUTRALS."

OPPOSITION TO BRITISH VIEW.

A DEBATABLE POINT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

Commenting upon the White Paper issued in London on Friday, defending Britain's signature of the Optional Clause, Senator Borah dissents emphatically from the British view that under the Kellogg Pact there could not arise any issue of the rights of neutrals.

He says that if the Kellogg Pact eliminated all questions of rights of neutrals at sea, why keep vast navies?

The British view is "as between members of the League there can be no neutral rights because there can be no neutrals," the argument being that if a nation is warring with a State which has broken its pledges, other members of the League are bound by the Covenant to act against the aggressor. Therefore they would not challenge that nation's sea-power by trading with the enemy, and hence could not remain neutral.

WORST OF GALES OVER.

TREMENDOUS DAMAGE REVEALED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.

A large red sun, dissipating the slight night frosts, and diffusing unusual December warmth confers a welcome change from recent gales. Floods are gradually subsiding, revealing terrible havoc, especially in the Rhondda Valley where streets and houses need complete rebuilding at a cost of millions sterling.

London dwellers on the riverside embankment near the Tate gallery, the scene of tragic floods two years ago, remained awake all night, watching the abnormal tide creep up specially reinforced concrete barricades, until when near the top it mercifully receded.

Lighthouse Relieved.

PARIS, Dec. 16.

The black flag, denoting distress, flying at the lighthouse at La Vieille this week when a fierce storm frustrated most courageous efforts of rescuers to approach, has been at length hauled down.

A relief vessel, rudderless and battered, succeeded in passing food in waterproof sacks from a distance of twenty yards.

BUSINESS EXPANSION IN U.S.A.

IMPOSING REPORTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, December 16.

Unbroken and steady expansion of business in the past eight years, notwithstanding a few minor and short-lived recessions, is stressed in Mr. Lamont's annual message to Congress, which shows that expansion of production of commodities, of transport and other services has in nowise diminished in the year ending June 30.

The annual report by the Labour Secretary, Mr. Davis, suggests an air patrol to curb the immigration of smugglers and other border lawbreakers. It asserts that the latter are already using airships, and enforcement of the law is only to be accomplished with better weapons than those used by the lawbreakers.

Mr. Davis advocated a policy of selective immigration to ensure admittance of the best qualified Europeans among the 2,000,000 candidates for places in total quotas of 150,000.

NORWAY AND CHINA PIRATES.

MACHINE GUNS FOR VESSELS?

Oslo, Nov. 17.—Permission for Norwegian vessels plying in Chinese waters to be armed with machine guns for protection against pirates was urged at a meeting of representatives of seamen's organizations. This motion was not carried but eventually the following proposals were unanimously adopted:—

That the accident insurance should be raised in case of piracy, as was the case during the Great War; that all Norwegian vessel plying on the coast of China should be equipped with wireless telegraphy; that Norwegian vessels should not carry considerable amounts of cash, thereby practically inviting the pirates; and that the Chinese authorities should be requested to have a guardship stationed at Maichow.

THE LAUNCH OF THE R.100.

NEW BRITISH AIRSHIP ALOFT.

AUSPICIOUS START.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The new airship R.100 left her shed at Howden at 6 o'clock this morning on her first flight, in fine weather. Five hundred soldiers hauled out the airship, and a large crowd of spectators cheered the start.

Fifty police were drafted in to control traffic.

A Perfect "Launching."

British Wireless states:—The airship R.100 was launched under perfect weather conditions to-day. Later in the day she is due at Cardington, where she will be moored to the masthead recently vacated by the airship R.101.

The shed permits of so little clearance for the vast ship, which is 709 feet long, 133 feet beam, and 133 feet high, that three or four minutes' time was necessary in bringing the airship out, and the 500 soldiers received full instructions regarding their duties before Commander Scott and Squadron-Leader Booth, with a crew of 44, went aboard the vessel.

There was no hitch in arrangements. Within eight minutes of the first orders being given the vessel had cleared the structure. There was great cheering from the crowd, who had gathered to witness the operation.

Gradually the R.100 began to rise and moved off in a westerly direction. Before she was out of sight she wheeled round, and at a height of about 1,000 feet again flew over her mast and performed various evolutions.

The R.100 is equipped with six Rolls-Royce engines with a total of 4,800 horse-power. Her sister ship R.101, which is of the same capacity, 5,000,000 cubic feet, is driven by five Beardmore-Diesel engines of 2,925 horse-power.

HATRY GROUP FINANCES.

A BIG DEFICIENCY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 16.

Giving evidence at the resumption of the hearing of the Hatry case at the Guildhall, Sir Gilbert Garnsey, an accountant who has been investigating the affairs of the Hatry Companies, stated that the gross liabilities of the companies were £29,500,000 not including an issued share capital of £3,110,000.

Unsecured claims totalled £13,750,000 and there was a very small prospect of a dividend for the unsecured creditors.

The deficiency will apparently total over £13,500,000.

BRITISH COLONIAL CLAIMS.

REPARATION MONEY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

The Colonial Office announces *ex-gratia* awards in respect of claims by British nationals belonging to British colonies and protectorates, on account of loss or damage falling within the reparation clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, are now being made.

Attention is particularly directed to the fact that all claims not yet lodged by such claimants either with the Government of the Colony or protectorate concerned, or with the Under-Secretary for Colonies, must be lodged by March 31, 1931.

Claims by surviving dependants in respect of loss of life of persons serving with the forces of the Crown are now able to rank for payment from reparation moneys.

STARTLING PROPOSALS IN GREECE.

REPUBLIC OR A MONARCHY?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ATHENS, Dec. 15.

A tremendous political sensation has been caused by the proposal of the Premier, M. Venizelos, to M. Tsaldaris, the Royalist leader, subject to the other leaders' approval, to hold a plebiscite, finally to decide whether Greece shall be a Republic or a monarchy.

M. Venizelos offers to place M. Tsaldaris in charge of the Ministry of the Interior during the plebiscite to ensure that it is conducted genuinely.

It is generally felt that a plebiscite is superfluous in view of the crushing Royalist defeat in the last elections. M. Tsaldaris has not jumped at the Premier's offer.

AUSTRALIAN COAL DISPUTE.

SERIOUS RIOTS NEAR SYDNEY.

MINERS WOUNDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Dec. 16.

Four thousand miners at Rothbury colliery viciously attacked the police early this morning. The police used revolvers, and three miners were wounded. Several police were injured with stones.

Wild scenes followed the shooting, groups of furious miners repeatedly and desperately attacking the police, the affray lasting twenty minutes.

Trouble recurred later in the morning, with miners trying to force their way into the colliery. Mr. Baddeley, a legislator, was injured in the melee while attempting to pacify the miners.

Federal Cabinet Intervenes.

LATER.

One miner has been killed, nine wounded, and 45 have minor injuries, also 6 police were injured, in the disturbance at the Rothbury mine. Apparently the miners intended to occupy the mine, but did not expect such a resolute resistance.

Mr. Chaffey, Minister of Mines, says there is no question but that law and order must be maintained. Large police reinforcements have left for the mine from Sydney, and the Newcastle districts.

The Federal Cabinet has resolved immediately to intervene in the dispute, and the Commonwealth Arbitration Court has summoned the parties to an urgent compulsory conference in Sydney at noon to-morrow.

The Premier, Mr. Scullin, has telegraphed the miners' leaders strongly requesting the miners to withdraw from the vicinity of the trouble, and avoid further clashes. The leaders replied that they would do everything possible to comply with the request.

Mr. Scullin has also requested Mr. Bavin, Premier of New South Wales, to suspend measures for opening the mine; but the New South Wales Cabinet has decided not to alter its plan to open up the mine on Thursday. They will not participate in the conference to-morrow.

AMERICAN "DUMPING" FEARS.

EFFECT ON INDIAN TRADE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BOMBAY, December 16.

At the opening of the annual general meeting of Associated Chambers of Commerce of India and Ceylon, the Governor of Bombay, Sir Frederick-Sykes said he thought that the United States would be compelled to resort to a wholesale dumping of produce wherever possible, in order to dispose of her immense production, for which demand had suddenly declined owing to the stock market collapse.

Thus India would be brought increasingly into direct competition with American industry, and the demand for Indian products must inevitably to some extent slacken, and prices fall.

ADMIRAL JACKSON'S GREAT CAREER.

KING AND PRESS PAY TRIBUTE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

The King has sent the following message to the widow of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Jackson, who died yesterday, expressing his sympathy with her in her sad loss. His Majesty says, "Sir Henry Jackson will be remembered not only for his distinguished service in the Navy but also for his devotion to the cause of science and research as a member of the "Royal Society."

In Press tributes to the dead Admiral he is described as having been the greatest scientific fellow of the Royal Society (which is the honour accorded to none but eminent scientists), for his researches in electrical physics.

He was also a member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and of the Institution of Naval Architects, and was honoured by many leading societies.

As a scientist his services in the Navy were invaluable. He was one of the pioneers of wireless telegraphy and was the first person in this country to apply hertzian waves to the transmission of telegraphic messages. This he did whilst on the staff of the warship Vernon, which was the Portsmouth Wireless School many years ago.

FALLEN BOXING "STAR."

BRITISH OBJECTIONS TO CARNERA.

"PRIMITIVE FURY."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The floodlights of favourable publicity which were recently turned on Primo Carnera, the giant Italian boxer, are fading, and the tidal wave of popularity is now fast subsiding.

Hailed by shortsighted critics as the boxing sensation of the century, Carnera's fights against Stribling have stripped him of every boxing attribute. There is now an influential chorus of opinion that his primitive displays of fury should rule him out of English rings.

Lord Lonsdale declares that the British Boxing Board should not put Carnera in the ring against the German heavyweight Diener at the Albert Hall to-morrow, as he does not conform to the British idea of how a fighting man should behave. Simultaneously, a Sunday newspaper, in a featured article, is appealing to the Home Secretary to debar Carnera.

It is noteworthy that Carnera was booked for a charity performance last night at the London Hippodrome. His name was on the programme, but he received a last-minute telephone message cancelling the arrangement, as the Hippodrome was unable to get the Lord Chamberlain's permission.

His manager has procured a shrill whistle to obviate a repetition of the incidents of his last fight, and his hitting after the bell to-morrow.

KING LISTENS-IN.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO HIS MOTHER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15.

While the memorial service to his mother, Queen Alexandra, was being broadcast at Ancolenheinf yesterday, King George listened-in on his wireless set at Buckingham Palace. It was at the King's request that the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Copenhagen authorities made special arrangements to broadcast and relay the service and ceremony as clearly as possible.

The King, who uses a small portable set, heard wonderfully well like the rest of the country the tribute paid to the late Queen.

MR. J. L. HUMPHREYS DEAD.

GOVERNOR OF NORTH BORNEO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TIENTSIN, Dec. 15.

The death is announced of Mr. J. L. Humphreys, Governor of British North Borneo, from heart failure following pneumonia. The deceased was touring China and arrived at Tientsin three weeks ago. He was immediately sent to hospital, but contracted cold on the steamer.

Mr. Humphreys only recently won the Open Golf Championship of China in Shanghai.

[Mr. Humphreys, who passed through Hong Kong only a few weeks ago, had been Governor of Borneo since 1926. Educated at Oxford, he entered the Civil Service, Straits Settlements, in 1905, and became District Officer at Malacca and the dividings. He was Assistant Adviser to Johore in 1910 and subsequently to Trengganu and Kedah. He wrote several books on the Malay language.]

THE HAITIAN TANGLE.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT HOOVER.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 16.

Petitions signed by the Presidents of seven Haitian political organisations have been forwarded to President Hoover by air-mail, asking the United States to supervise the elections, and ensure that they are conducted fairly.

They allege that President Borno is attempting to enslave the citizens.

POPE CREATES NEW CARDINALS.

A SECRET CONSISTORY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, Dec. 16.

The Pope at a Secret Consistory, created six new Cardinals, namely the Archbishops of Paris, Palermo, Genoa, Armagh and Lisbon, and Monsignor Pacelli, the Papal Nuncio in Berlin.

THE WAY OF TRUE LOVE.

POLA NEGRI'S PATCHED ROMANCE.

ALL SMILES AGAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 16.

After being on the brink of divorce the film star Pola Negri and Prince Mdivani have decided to "live happily ever after."

According to the Paris edition of the *Chicago Tribune*, the two parties, when they appeared in the Judge's chambers for the classic attempt at reconciliation, which under French law must precede a *decree nisi*, admitted in response to the judge's enquiries that they still loved each other, Pola Negri adding "only he wants me to lead a social life, which interferes with my career."

The couple then proceeded to the Prince's Chateau near Paris.

PROVISIONAL COURT "BREEZE."

U.S. DEPUTY AND CHINESE JUDGE.

MATTER TO BE REPORTED.

There was another "breeze" at the Shanghai Provisional Court last week when a final hearing was set for the criminal action instituted by Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd. against Chen Tze Hsun, the manager of the Heng Loon Bank, for alleged fraud in connection with a mortgage covering all of the assets of the Heng Dah Cotton Mill in Pootung including the mill power plant and machinery, which under the terms of the contract of sale was still the property of Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd.

There had been a number of previous hearings and it was announced by the Court, on November 28 last, that this hearing would finish the case. When Court opened the attorneys for the defendant produced a telegram which they had received from Ningpo stating that he was sick and unable to be present and asking for an adjournment. Mr. Stevens, the American Consular Deputy, asked why the defendant had left the jurisdiction of the Court without the Court's permission while a criminal action in which he was involved was in process of trial.

The lawyer for the defence stated that the defendant's intention to visit Ningpo had been mentioned to the Court and that the record of the hearing on November 19 would show such statement.

Mr. Stevens then called for the record and the statement referred to could not be found.

The Deputy's Order.

Mr. Stevens then announced that the action of the defendant in leaving without permission constituted contempt of court and was just another attempt to thwart the proper administration of justice. He instructed the police to effect the arrest of the defendant immediately upon his return to the jurisdiction of the Court and to keep him in detention until he had appeared before an American Consular Deputy.

Chinese Judge "Disagrees."

The Chinese Judge announced that he did not agree with Mr. Stevens' ruling and instructed the police to disregard the same. Mr. Stevens then stated that he desired to enter a protest against the change of two of the three Chinese Judges sitting in the case at the last moment, pointing out that the presiding Judge and one associate Judge then on the bench had not been present at any of the previous hearings of the case and were totally unfamiliar with what had transpired at such previous hearings.

(*Continued on next Column.*)

"An Open Scandal."

Mr. Franklin for complainants requested Mr. Stevens to report the afternoon's proceedings to the Commission now siting in Nanking in connection with proposed changes in the Provisional Court, and Mr. Stevens replied that not only the afternoon's proceedings but the entire case from beginning to end would be reported to such Commission, as the case had been an open scandal for years.

Telegrams in Brief.

The French airman Challe and the Uruguayan Borges have started for Montevideo from Seville in an attempt to create a non-stop record.

Alderman Logan (Labour) has been returned unopposed as Member of Parliament for the Scotland Division of Liverpool. The by-election was necessitated by the death of Mr. T. P. O'Connor who sat as an Irish Nationalist.

The Dominions Office states that it is understood that Sir Charles Fergusson will leave New Zealand on the expiry of his term of office as Governor-General on February 1, 1930. Lord Bledisloe, the Governor-General elect, has arranged to leave England for New Zealand on Febuary 14.

The payment of G$83,795,000 has been made by the British Government to the United States Treasury, of which sum, an amount of G$27,000,000 is on account of principal, the balance being interest. With this payment the total payments to the United States since the funding of the British debt amount to G$1,124,970,000, of which G$174,000,000 has been on account of repayment of the principal. The amount outstanding has been reduced to G$4,426,000,000.

JAPAN'S NAVAL NEEDS.

RATIO FOR AUXILIARIES ESSENTIAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.

Mr. Wakatsuki, head of the Japanese Delegation to the Naval Conference, interviewed here *en route* to London, said that Japan was willing to postpone replacement of battleships, but would insist on retaining a 70 per cent. ratio in auxiliary craft, as compared with the Powers having the greatest naval strength.

LUCKY AMERICAN WAGE EARNERS.

GROWTH OF PEOPLE'S WEALTH.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.

The income of the people of the United States increased by 23,470 million dollars last decade, and by almost sixty billion dollars in the last twenty years, according to figures compiled by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

It is also estimated that the average wage-earner received $1,205 in 1928, compared with $976 in 1909.

Sports News

CRICKET NOTES.

TWO EXCITING GAMES.

[By "L.B.W."]

Two of the three league matches played on Saturday turned out to be most exciting, and the game between the R.A.S.C. and Craigengower in particular was full of thrills. Kowloon did not have matters all their own way when they met the Indians at Sookunpoo, but the Police had a walk-over against their neighbours, the Civil Service Cricket Club.

There was only one friendly played, and this resulted in an easy win for the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. over the University. The Club are a really formidable combination, and early though the season is, I confidently predict that they will retain the shield.

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Craigengower Cricket Club have Muskett to thank for their win over the R.A.S.C., and in a smaller degree, Leonard as well. The latter made 56 out of a total of 102 runs, and his innings was a bright one. He is of the "do or die" type who hits at everything sent down, and that perhaps is the proper game for afternoon matches, even if one does swipe with a cross bat!

Lieut. Marshall and L/C. Lyons made things apparently secure for the R.A.S.C., but after they were got rid of, the remaining batsmen, with the exception of Fry, were soon skittled out. The closing stage of the game was very exciting, and I had the good fortune to be present to see a gruelling battle between bowlers and batsmen. Muskett, of the C.C.C., came out with flying colours, for in the last five balls that he sent down he bowled the last two men when they needed only 7 runs to win.

Pte. Fry had the distinction of performing the hat-trick in this match and to him—congratulations!

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What promised to be a close and exciting game between the Police R.C. and C.S.C.C. resulted in an easy win for the former, who were the home team. It was rather a disappointment for the Civil Servants, who were confident of victory, and I rather expected them to secure full points, too. However, B. G. Baker and Alexander saw to it that the C.S.C.C. stalwarts did not win out of turn, for they both bowled well and the latter knocked up 40 runs as well. I cannot understand why the Civil Service fared so badly, for I saw them play against the Indians some weeks ago, and they won in a convincing manner, and the team struck me as a good all-round one. An example of the glorious uncertainty of the game, I suppose.

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The Indian R.C. juniors have not, apparently, got over the shock the Recreio gave them about a month ago, for they do not seem to be able to get going. True, they made a good fight with it against Kowloon, especially in the closing stages, but if a team wants to win they certainly have to score more than 86 runs in something like one and a half hours!

The Kowloon skipper won the toss, but for some reason or other elected to field on a hot afternoon. That, however, turned out to be a wise move, for the Indians just could not get going. I have heard say that the reason for their bad showing thus far is because they are most of them very young, and if the first few wickets fall cheaply the morale of the team is shattered. That may be so, but I certainly think their opening batsmen would be none the worse for some lessons on enterprising cricket.

At the beginning of the season I was optimistic enough to predict a fairly high position for them, but if they go on at this rate they will have all their work cut out to be a little above the unenviable position of wooden-spooners!

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When will Divett stop his run-getting? He collected another 36 against the University, and Gahagan also made 37. The H.K.C.C. will take some beating, and I feel pretty sure they will go through their programme without a single defeat. The University have also struck a bad patch and, like the I.R.C., will have to buck-up considerably if they want to keep up their reputation as a consistently good eleven.

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There is only one league match on the programme for the coming Saturday, and that is between the Police and the R.A.S.C. at Happy Valley. On form the P.R.C. should win, but one never quite knows what the Service Corps team is up to, and it will not come altogether as a surprise if they secured full points.

University will entertain Kowloon in a friendly, and the Kowloon British School Former Pupils Association will try conclusions with the I.R.C. seconds. At Sookunpoo the R.A.O.C. receive C.C.C., while an inter-Club match, Over 30 *v.* Under 30, will be seen on the H.K.C.C. ground.

GOLF NOTES.

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS.

SHEWAN *v.* DODWELL.

[By "WRYNECK."]

For the first nine holes both Shewan and Dodwell were rather under the weather, Dodwell suffering from a throat like a nutmeg grater and Shewan from the after effects of "helping Fergy."

Apart from a Birdie at the 6th by Shewan and one at the 9th by Dodwell, they only registered bogey figures on the way out, three times between them.

Shewan was out in 42 against Dodwell's 45, to turn 1 up.

Then the fireworks started, Shewan won the 10th in 4 and the 11th was halved in the same figure. Another half in 3 at the 12th and a 4 at the 13th made Shewan 3 up. He overdrove Sandy's Pulpit, was short with his chip but rammed down a seven yard putt leaving Dodwell with one of similar length to save himself from being dormie 4 down. The latter rose to the occasion, so Shewan had to delay lighting his pipe. Cheered by this success, Dodwell snapped up a 4 at the 15th where Shewan went birds nesting. Both were down in 3 at the next and with Dodwell fluffing his chip to the 17th Shewan got his half to win by 2 and 1.

Marton *v.* Lissaman.

Lissaman and Marton started in very different fashion to Shewan and Dodwell. Lissaman can seldom have produced such golf and he will certainly never stand such a good chance of beating Marton, as long as he lives. He caught Marton on a day when his putts refused to drop—he took three putts on six greens,—but that is not belittling Lissaman's achievement, as anyone who takes Marton to the 18th, on his day or off it, has to deliver the goods.

If Lissaman had only been able to accept the gifts which the Gods offered, as probably Ferguson in his place would have done, he would have won by 4 and 2, however.

Marton was out in 39 to find himself 1 down. They each got a birdie at the 2nd and Lissaman one at the 6th, and apart from the 8th, one or other got down in bogey figures at every hole. Lissaman increased his lead with a 4 at the 10th, but Marton squared with a 4 and 2 at the 12th where his tee shot was discovered literally quivering with anticipation on the lip of the hole. Lissaman went ahead again, with a 4 and at Sandy's Pulpit missed an opportunity when he was just short with his drive when Marton hooked to the left. A half in 4 resulted, however, but Lissaman snaffled another 4 at the Armchair to become 2 up again.

Marton was in the trees from the 16th tee and Lissaman to the right of the green. To Marton it must have looked as if his chances of figuring in the final were of the remotest, but he got on to the green and his opponent didn't, and a lost hole suddenly turned into one won! A hooked second cost Lissaman the 17th and over concentration caused him to fluff his drive at the 18th. In spite of a valiant attempt to hole a chip for 4 he was beaten by Marton who deserves all credit for sticking doggedly at it on a day when things *would not* go right for him.

New Nine Holes.

At the general meeting, amongst other things, the extension to the new course was sanctioned.

When the new holes are made it will be a good opportunity for the greens committee to see that they are laid out on really modern lines. Fanling has the reputation of being one of the best, if not the best, course East of Suez and in view of this reputation, I think we are rather prone to lie back and pat ourselves on the back; a difficult gymnastic feat perhaps but still!

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Bunkers.

The course is 6,123 yards in length and bogey is 76. Compare this with, say, Muirfield at home, 6,650 yards, bogey 78, and simply plastered with bunkers—there are thirteen at one hole alone! Supposing we had plenty of money to spend, how could we improve the old course and make it really worth its bogey figures? The idea intrigued me the further I went on with it, because, there are so many *holes which could be so vastly* improved with the addition of some bunkers.

As it may be of interest to golfers in general,—though many will probably not agree with my views—I propose to deal with the various holes, when space permits.

In locating bunkers I have worked on the following axioms:—

1.—To make each hole really worth its bogey figure.
2.—Not to penalise the medium hitter who keeps straight.
3.—Not trap directly or indirectly the "man eater" who lashes his drive or second shot out of sight, if he gets off the line.
4.—To give every advantage to the player who thinks a stroke ahead and *places* his drive or second shot accordingly.

To many people bunkers are a snare and an abomination. They are, if you get into them. But a well bunkered green, brings out that extra bit of concentration that makes one play for the pin, instead of, in the case of a flat open green, just content with getting on, resulting, in many cases, in one putt instead of two or maybe three!

So at the first opportunity we'll sum up the holes which require no additions and then start on the ones which need most attention. No prize is offered to readers who predict which hole in the second category, will be treated first!

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Hong Kong at Play.

SPORTS NOTES AND COMMENTS.

[By "BROADCASTER."]

The week-end has seen the first of the season's football finals, the Civilian team beating the Army in a thrilling game for the Lai Wah Cup by 4 goals to 2. There was not such a wide disparity between the sides as the score suggests, and up to the last minute of the game it was never certain how the game would end. At half-time the score was 2-2. In the second half the Army had hard lines in not finding the net, although they literally "bombarded" the Civilian's citadel, and the two backs, Wynne and Pile, together with Rodger in goal, played up splendidly to keep Bewley-Bull and company from scoring.

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To date the Civilians had won this cup four times and the Army twice. There were not a few among the large audience who had anticipated a win for the Army last Saturday, but I must say I was not impressed by the Army's defence, and to me the two backs appeared to lack understanding. Oliver (R.A.) and Reeves (K.O.S.B.) are about two best men that one could choose, but these two good players apparently found the Club forwards a very tough handful. Goldman at centre was well fed by his outside players, and it was not surprising therefore to see him score three of the four Civilian goals.

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Christmas week will bring with it some good football, two very good matches being down for decision in connection with the *Sunday Herald* Cup. The teams entered this year, as in former years, are England, Scotland, Portugal, and China. The Chinese, I know, will make a special effort to carry off this trophy, and at present their chances appear extremely rosy, as the combined forces of the South China A.A. and the Chinese A.A. will undoubtedly mean the fielding of a very strong eleven. Moreover, the holiday festivities will, if they interfere with players at all, affect the other teams more than the Chinese team, in much the same way as a game on Chinese New Year Day would affect a Chinese team. My conjecture may prove wrong, but I think the *Sunday Herald Cup* will go to the Chinese this season.

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Our Football Interport, by the way, is drawing near, and on last Saturday's play, Wynne looks a certainty. Goldman put up a good exhibition, and the elder Gosano is at the top of his form. Both Bewley-Bull and Butcher, of the Army team, played well, but their clever attack was overshadowed by Wynne's brilliant play, especially towards the close of the game. He will be a valuable man for the local side, if selected.

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Racing enthusiasts, of course, will not forget the Kwanti races, which have been arranged for December 22. There is always plenty of good sport to be had, and from what I have been able to gather, the races for the coming week-end will be up to the usual standard of the Kwanti course. The handicaps are not yet to hand, but it will be interesting to watch whether Ace of Spades or Montana will carry a heavy weight on the day of the race. Both gave a brilliant exhibition on their last appearance in the course, and there are not a few who considers Mr. Stanton's big-hearted grey a better animal than the "game little black jumper."

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Talking about the races, the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club this year will be a most interesting affair, as both the number and the quality of the ponies now in training have been raised. There are now no fewer than 250 animals in training, and no doubt my racing friend, "Morning Dew" will keep us well-posted as to the activities of the Derby and Champion candidates in the regular try-outs in the morning. Some very good ponies arrived recently, and no doubt in the next day or two we will read something of them in the *Daily Press*. I shall keep a look-out for any such comment, and advise my racing friends to do the same.

YACHTING.

4TH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The R.H.K.Y.C.'s 4th Ladies' Championship race was sailed yesterday, Dorothea winning on corrected time in the "H" class and in the "I," "Y" and "G" class, in which all started scratch, Speedwell took first place.

The course was: 1 Channel Rocks (S.), 2 Mark on Line (S.), 3 Kowloon Rock (S.), 4 Channel Rocks (S.). Distance: 7.4 miles.

"H" Class.

(Started 3 p.m.)

	Times. Finished.	Corrected.
La Linda (3) ...	4.55.54	4.55.17
Diana (2)	4.57.03	4.54.35
Colleen (4)	5.02.19	4.57.23
Dorothea (1) ...	4.58.50	4.53.26

"I," "Y" and "G" Classes.

(Started 3.05 p.m.)

	Times. Finished.	Corrected.
Daphne (5)	5.09.48	Scratch
Why Wonder (6)	5.10.31	"
Wings (2)	5.04.43	"
Bluenose (4) ...	5.08.28	"
Boojum (3)	5.06.23	"
Speedwell (1)...	5.02.09	"
Adanac (7)	5.13.32	"

JAPAN AND DAVIS CUP.

A EUROPEAN ZONE ENTRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 16.

The Executive Committee of the Japan Lawn Tennis Association has decided to challenge for the Davis Cup in the European Zone in 1930 instead of the American Zone as in former years.

The decision is based on the fact that the European Zone offers a larger variety of competition.

The team has been named as follows:—

Takeichi Harada,
Yoshiro Ohta,
Tamio Abe,
Hyotaro Sato.

The first three are veteran internationalists, while Sato is rated as the best of the newcomers.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAYS INTERPORT TRIAL.

The interport trial match, Selected XI. *v.* Royal Navy, takes place to-day at the Hong Kong F.C. ground at 4.15 p.m.

The following will play for the Selected XI.:—G. Rodger; Wynne and Reeves; Hedley, West and Bliss; B. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, Bewley-Bull, Rocha and Butcher.

Reserves:—C. Pile, Knapp, Gill and A. Ward.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL.

MRS. SUITER'S TALENTED PUPILS.

The pupils of Mrs. Suiter gave a pianoforte recital at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, yesterday at which there was a good and very appreciative audience.

Mrs. Cock presented the Trinity College certificates, and the list of her pupils' successes is one of which Mrs. Suiter may well be proud. In the practical examination out of the eleven entrances nine pupils passed, in the theory examination seven passed of the eight entered, and two were awarded honours. Dolly Pestonji came out head of the Colony with 93 marks, and B. Bickford third with 87 marks in the Junior Theory.

In the Preparatory Division two little boys tied for the honour of being at the head of the Colony's list—Clement Leong and Eric Wood each gaining 86 marks.

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KOWLOON TRAFFIC CASES.

KEEP YOUR HAND ON THE WHEEL!

Mr. G. Frost of the Sanitary Department was summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for not having full control of his car whilst driving along Chatham Road.

Defendant in answer to the summons said that he admitted, he took his hand off the wheel for two seconds!

Sub-Inspector Nicol who prosecuted told the Magistrate that he was driving behind the defendant at the time and the latter took his hat off and smoothed his hair twice. He admitted that there was no one on the road at the time but the defendant did not have full control over his car.

The Magistrate remarked that he had seen a very well known citizen take both hands off the steering wheel to adjust the front screen, while driving down Garden Road.

Sub-Inspector Nicol: It amounts to the same thing, your Worship.

The Magistrate replied that it also depended on the kind of car one was driving. The police officer replied that a heavy car steered better than a light one. It also depended on the play in the steering wheel.

A Slight Mistake.

Mr. Frost pointed out to the Magistrate that Sub-Inspector Nicol had made a slight mistake when he said that he took off his hat to smooth his hair. Actually, he had pulled his hat down tighter on account of the wind which was blowing. It was not necessary to hold the steering wheel as the car steered and held the road very well. In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Frost said that there was no play in his steering gear.

The Magistrate discharged the summons with a caution and remarked that the defendant must not take his hands off the steering wheel if it wasn't necessary.

DISOBEYING A CONSTABLE'S ORDER.

Mr. F. Celestino, the Filipino Court Interpreter, was summoned for disobeying a constable's order at the Star Ferry.

Mr. Celestino pointed out to the Magistrate that the summons was made in the name of a Chinese. He remarked that "he was no Chinese driver," and that he had no recollection of the incident. The number of the car was correct but the summons had been made out in a wrong name.

Magistrate: How did the Chinese name get there?

Sub-Inspector Nicol explained that the audit number was given instead of the license number and the traffic office in Hong Kong had given the wrong name.

The constable in evidence said that defendant's car was waiting outside the Star Ferry on November 27 and witness gave the defendant the order to move away as he was causing obstruction. The defendant remained where he was and witness took his number.

The Magistrate remarked that it was more a case for an obstruction summons.

Inspector Nicol told the Magistrate that defendant was ordered to go away but he refused.

The Magistrate remarked to the defendant that he understood private cars were allowed to wait at the Ferry for a short while, but if the stay was long they must wait in the stand.

Other Defendants?

Defendant read out to the Magistrate the numbers of several other cars which were waiting in exactly the same position a few days later. They had not been told to move away nor were summonses issued against them.

His Worship observed that two blacks did not make a white.

Defendant said that he obeyed the constable as far as he understood him and backed his car so that he would not cause an obstruction. He was waiting for some-one at the time.

The Magistrate considered the case proved and imposed a fine of $5.

CROSS-SUMMONSES—NEGLIGENT DRIVING AND ASSAULT.

Mr. A. Gascon of the Gascon Motor Company was mentioned as complainant against a taxi-cab driver for negligent driving in Nathan Road. A cross-summons was issued against Mr. Gascon for alleged assault. The summonses were taken simultaneously.

Mr. Gascon in evidence said that he was returning from the Star Theatre at about 11 p.m. driving his motor-cycle combination with his wife in the side-car. When nearing the junction of Kimberley Road, where re-construction work was in progress witness had to slow down to avoid a collision. He turned around, gave chase and stopped the defendant's taxi near the Telephone Company's Office. The defendant, who was driving, seemed to be asleep and witness asked him for his license saying that he would summons him. Defendant refused and witness was going to take the car number when two Indian constables came up. The defendant accused him of assault but one of the constables who carried a torchlight shone it in the latter's face and remarked that he could see no marks of an assault.

A Doctor's Certificate.

Defendant produced a doctor's certificate stating that he had two marks on his face. Giving evidence he said that Mr. Gascon was driving very fast at the time with his head light full-on. A ricksha coolie was in front of witness at the time and he turned his own bright lights on for a moment to see his way. It was then that Mr. Gascon passed him. Soon after Mr. Gascon stopped his taxi and asked for his license saying that he was a police inspector. He was not wearing a uniform and witness refused. It was then that Mr. Gascon struck him in the face. Two Indian constables came up and Mr. Gascon spoke to them in English. He told Mr. Gascon to come to the Police Station but the latter refused to do so.

Mr. Gascon in answer to the Magistrate said that he was a member of the Police flying squad.

The Magistrate: Does that give you the right to see people's licenses.—I don't know exactly.

Sub-Inspector Nicol informed his Worship that it did not unless he was in uniform. Even police officers must be in uniform to ask for a license except in case of an accident.

The Magistrate pointed out to the defendant that the doctor's certificate was dated the following day, and that the cross-summons was not taken out until after the first summons had been issued. Defendant said that he felt "giddy" the same night and saw the doctor the next day. As regards the summons for assault he came to the Magistracy for three days before he got the summons.

Mr. Ogilvy, the Chief Clerk of the Magistracy, was called and corroborated the defendant's statement.

He had asked the defendant to wait until he received the first summons before taking any action. Mr. Oglivy added that he remembered that the defendant had two marks on his face.

His Worship observed that neither side had made out its case and the summonses would be dismissed!

(*Continued on next Column.*)

PHOTOGRAPHY IN HONG KONG.

EXHIBITION AT UNIVERSITY.

A most interesting exhibition was opened yesterday—and remains open to-day—of the work of the Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club. There are a very large number of exhibits and not the least interesting fact is that many of the most attractive and artistic pictures were made with one or other of the smaller and cheaper forms of camera.

Naturally a large number of the landscapes were taken locally, a fact which adds to their interest. Many of us go about our business or pleasure, blind to much of the beauty around us. We may see only a dirty little shop where an artist, whether he works with brush, pencil or camera, will see a picture of real beauty.

The portrait work was particularly good, and this is not surprising since the Chinese are perhaps the easiest of all sitters for the photographer and seem to have no "camera consciousness," a sore trial to photographer and sitter alike among Western peoples. It is very interesting to find camera studies in the nude of Chinese girls. They make admirable subjects, beautiful and restrained in line, and the posing is in every case good, the figure being used decoratively rather than subjectively.

It is understood that many of the exhibits will be offered for sale at the close of the exhibition, and one only regrets that it was not held earlier in the year for many people would like to buy some of these artistic studies of Hong Kong to send to friends at Home for Christmas.

The Results.

The following exhibits have gained prizes:—

OPEN CLASS.

1. Autumnal Ray, by Midori Harakawa.
2. Eucalyptii, by P. A. Dragon.
3. Design, by J. Kotewall.

PORTRAITS.

1. Seven Eyes, by A. Abbas.
2. Sunny Boy, by Dr. M. B. Osman.

MEMBERS' CLASS (ADVANCED).

1. Romance, by A. A. Rumjahn.
2. Outward Bound, by N. K. Ann.
3. Morn Dew, by Alfred Lock.

BEGINNERS' CLASS (OPEN).

1. The Team, by Sky Sum.
2. The Ming Bowl, by Cheng Chow Lam.

MEMBERS' CLASS (BEGINNERS).

1. Childhood and Old Age, by Mr. V. Enok.
2. Ham Yee Kai (Salt Fish Lane), by F. S. Fernando.

Prize for Special Section: R. Pestonji ("La Peurta el Sop").

Judges.

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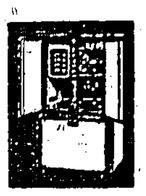
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CATHEDRAL SERVICES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The writer did not hear the Dean's sermon on Sunday, the 15th instant, because he has discontinued going to church, after being a regular attendant for a number of years, but the report was read in these columns on Monday morning.

How can the Dean or any of the clergy belonging to the Cathedral expect to get the best out of a congregation when in less than two years the whole church has been disorganised (the Dean might say "reorganised"), new institutions effected and the whole spirit of "the parish church" taken away?

The Dean himself sneered about "our old fashioned hymns with meaningless phrases," those hymns which had many sacred memories and associations. One hymn in particular which was held up to ridicule from the pulpit being, "Now the day is over," which in the writer's mind always brings back the picture of a tiny daughter "passing over." In the place of this hymn book we got a sort of hash up of every denomination, very tuneless, hard to sing, and with nothing to recommend it, but the fact that the Dean wanted it introduced.

Surely the reason why "the sense of loneliness is often borne strongly upon the clergy" is due to the fact that the old fashioned folks in the congregation, who loved the sweet simplicity of the parish church, were told to get out or accept the new order. The old idea that the body of the church was the congregation's and the altar the priest's charge, was soon knocked in the head in Hong Kong, and is it to be wondered at that the congregation has fallen off?

After struggling on for a few Sundays to try and get used to the new things the writer felt that it was better to stop away than become so modern.

We were implored to give up our seats and to abandon the idea of "hirings," only to find that there was an ulterior motive in the suggestion, which enabled the Dean and the clergy to reserve seats on stunt occasions for *taipans* who never otherwise visited the church.

The Dean deplores the fact that the clergy have met with "indifference and some opposition," but is it not a fact that the opposition, which was so ruthlessly put down, bred the indifference? It was inevitable.

We have had the creed flung into our faces from the pulpit as being all wrong, whilst the Dean himself who flung the old A. and M. hymn book at our heads, told us what a rotten lot of singers we were, and then proceeded to give us lessons in singing before he would deign to allow us to sing with the choir, so that one wonders if this modern tendency which is emptying the pews, whilst it provides hot breakfasts for reluctant worshippers, might not one day give us very snappy movie-tones for empty phrased sermons.—Yours, etc.,

PAUL VLAINE.

Hong Kong, December 16.

RADIO RESTRICTIONS: A PROTEST.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I can assure you that Hong Kong's radio dealers welcome the leader in your Sunday contemporary and now that the ball has been set rolling by the Press, I reckon it is up to every wireless enthusiast in the Colony to voice his indignation against the new regulations:—

Here are my objections, as a start:—

1.—The local broadcast station, after establishing itself in such an arbitrary manner, should have carried on as a servant of the radio public. It has become an autocratic master instead, and is, by its actions, crushing the thing it intended to develop and encourage.

2.—The additional clerical work now being forced upon dealers is discouraging enterprise and killing the trade.

3.—The absurd restrictions imposed upon buyers are deterring people from taking up radio as a source of amusement.

4.—A big part of radio sales goes to the crews of ships passing through. These men incur heavy expenses to get ashore for radio purchases only to find they are not legitimate buyers. They are consequently obliged to wait till they arrive at Shanghai or Japan and Hong Kong thereby loses trade.

5.—I have heard that since the new regulations came into force large quantities of cheap Japanese components are being brought down by ships for residents in this Colony. Is this fair to our local dealers?

6.—Short wave enthusiasts who have no interest in ZBW are being penalised to the same extent as those who rely on local broadcasting for their amusement. The Hong Kong broadcast station, to these people, is an impediment in the way of radio development rather than a leader.

7.—The U.S.A. has gone ahead faster than any other country in broadcast services and yet the radio public there has not even a listening licence to pay for. Hong Kong is one of the most backward communities in this respect and we are imposing restrictions that no other country has dreamt of.

8.—A radio enthusiast's ideas develop very rapidly. He builds a set, becomes dissatisfied with it and disposes of it to a friend not so far advanced, with a view to achieving better results from new gear. Under the present restrictions this has been rendered impossible and sales are thereby materially reduced.

9.—A man can no longer call his property his own where wireless is concerned. The most extreme of our socialists have never contemplated infringing upon the rights of private ownership to the extent that our lawmakers in this Colony have done.

10.—What sort of a protest would be raised in any other trade in Hong Kong if dealers were obliged to furnish a full description of every customer for every little purchase; if they were compelled to turn away clamouring buyers and submit to having their stock inspected just when a government official thought fit?

11.—The regulations serve no useful purpose. If a man is seeking to evade paying his $5, he can do it just as easily now as before by getting a friend, who has a licence, to buy him his apparatus. A heavy fine for listening to ZBW without a licence would have proved more effective and less deleterious to the trade.

My final remarks on the subject are that there was never such a ridiculously absurd law passed by any intelligent government. Nationalisation of industries is a sensible proposition alongside this scatterbrained idea.—Yours, etc.,

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Hong Kong, December 16.

"THE GEISHA": A CORRECTION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—In the critique of "The Geisha" published in your issue of to-day, it is stated that it is a joint production of the Philharmonic Society and the Hong Kong A.D.C. Although my Club has willingly assisted the Philharmonic Society in the matter of scenery, etc., and several members of the A.D.C. are taking part, I am requested by my Committee to state that it is in no sense a joint production and I shall be glad if you will publish this letter to prevent any misunderstanding.

I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mrs. F. G. Hunt and the Society on a very delightful show.—Yours, etc.,

H. DAVENPORT BROWNE,
Hon. Sec.,
Hong Kong A.D.C.
Hong Kong, Dec. 16.

THE BOY SCOUTS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—In connection with the coming of age concert to be given by the Boy Scouts' Association at the Theatre Royal on Saturday, December 21, some details regarding the new training centre at Saiwan Bay may be of general interest.

Since the inception of Scouting in the Colony some years ago, it has always been found that, although great keenness has been shown by the various Scoutmasters and Instructors, in many cases some of the finer points in Scouting have at times been missed.

In England and the colonies where scouting is definitely on a very big footing, permanent training camps for Scouters and Prospective Scoutmasters have been introduced. These training courses have been divided in suitable grades for elementary and advanced Scouting, and have proved to be very beneficial to all concerned.

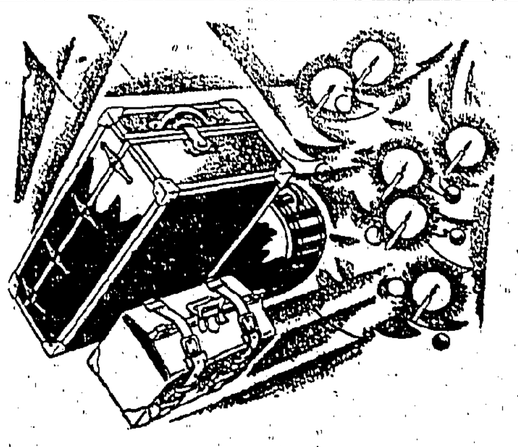
The best known of these training centres, Gilwell Park, situated a few miles from London, was given to the Scout movement some 10 years ago. Courses here are arranged throughout the year, and cover every branch of Scouting (cubbing, scouting and rovering). During the years this centre has been in existence, it is doubtful whether there are many countries in the world who have not had representatives attend the courses at Gilwell Park.

After two previous attempts had proved unsatisfactory to create some form of training camp in the Colony, Barker's Bungalow was put up for sale. This site was already well known to most Scouts in the Colony, as a good camping ground. So steps were taken by the Association to get the opinion of the medical and sanitary experts as to its suitability as a training centre. This proved to quite satisfactory. The site eventually became the property of the Boy Scouts' Association on August 1, 1929. Since that date a certain number of renovations have been carried out in the bungalow, which is to be used as a lecture room. A large amount of the surplus undergrowth has been cleared away. Portions of the camp have been marked out for the various Scout sections. The water system is to be improved.

From the foregoing it will be seen that this training centre is really intended to become an asset to the Scout movement in the Colony. It will be many months before the work on the site is completed.

The official opening of the Camp will take place on Saturday, January 11, 1930.—Yours etc.,

COURTENAY F. SAYER,
for Hong Kong Boy Scouts' Association.
Hong Kong, Dec. 15.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BRIDGE AND MAJONG DRIVE.

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A very successful bridge and majong drive was held yesterday in the Helena May Institute to raise funds for the Hong Kong Benevolent Society. A large number of people were present and a most enjoyable time was spent. The results are equally pleasing nearly $400 being cleared for the fund.

The hidden number for the bridge drive was 980. Mrs. Carrie won the first prize, her score totalling 989, the nearest number above the hidden one, and Mrs. Janes won the second prize with the nearest score below, 977. Mrs. Hansen won the booby prize with a score of 144.

The majong prizes went to Mrs. Riges first with 15 points, and Mrs. P. D. Wilson second with 14 points, while Mrs. G. W. Pope won the booby prize with a score of 2. The prizes were presented by Mrs. J. H. Hunt.

GOODS MOVED BY MISTAKE.

PASSENGER RECOVERS HIS $7,000 CARGO.

Mr. H. Koga, a second class passenger by the s.s. Empress of Asia from Japan to Manila, reported to the police last Thursday the disappearance of four rattan baskets from his cabin while he was ashore in Hong Kong. The baskets contained silk goods worth $7,000, and it was feared that they had been stolen.

In the course of their investigations, the police came across the baskets in a local European hotel. It is thought that through a mistaken idea that the packages belonged to a gentleman who was going to stay at the hotel, the runners removed them from the ship.

The owner of the packages, who had in the meantime cancelled the remainder of his passage owing to the loss of his cargo, was communicated with, and everything was found to be in order. He is continuing his journey to Manila by another vessel to-day and is very grateful to the police for having traced his valuable goods.

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Money and Markets

GOSSIP FROM THE SHARE MARKET.

"BOOM" IN CHINA LIGHTS: DEMAND FOR HOTEL SHARES.

FREE ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

[By "KUFAN."]

Gossip often moves the market, but no investor should either buy or sell on market gossip only.

The past week's activities in the share market has been marked by a "boom" in China Lights and a heavy demand for Hotel shares. Rates on some of the other stocks also showed appreciable improvement, and on the whole the turnover for the week has been on a fairly liberal scale.

The demand for China Lights has been mostly for cash or December shares, which is an encouraging sign and leads one to expect higher rates before very long. Hotels, no doubt, have come into the picture due to the news of the sale of the Majestic Hotel in Shanghai. I understand from a well-informed source that the price paid to the sellers was Tls. 2,350,000, and this no doubt has had the effect of driving a number of would-be investors to the Hotel "counter."

The news from Shanghai about Ewos is still far from encouraging, and prices have been going down last week, although not to any appreciable extent. I am afraid there will be little possibility of this stock making any move upward this side of the December Settlement.

Regarding that Settlement, I hear that locally a heavy breakdown is not feared, as some of the heaviest "shorts" and "longs" have made arrangements to straighten out the settlement. This is particularly good news, and there seems to be little doubt that the new year will prove even more prosperous than the present one. At one time, it appeared that the forthcoming December Settlement was going to nullify four years of effort on the part of those connected with the share market, and that the work of stabilising the "Rialto" would have to be started all over again. Let us hope that no such calamity will come about.

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HONG KONG BANKS registered a further decline. The latest quotation is $1,305 buyers. Small parcels of shares were negotiated earlier in the week at $1,315, and they closed with sellers at this rate, but buyers were offering ten points less.

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UNIONS changed hands at $360, and there are further buyers in the market at this figure.

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STEAMBOATS — Some business was registered in this stock at $27 and $27.50, and the market closed at the end of the week with buyers at the latter rate.

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WHARVES—These shares were handled in fairly large numbers during the week, buyers having to pay from $141.50 to $142. Further shares are wanted at the latter price, but sellers appear to be scarce.

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PROVIDENT—A fair business was done at lowering rates. Early in the week shares were sold at $5.45 and $5.40, but buyers then withdrew and at the close there are sellers at the latter figure without any sales being recorded.

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HONG KONG HOTEL shares showed a sharp jump, as mentioned, owing to the news of the sale of the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai. Rates gradually mounted, and large parcels of shares changed hands between $11 and $11.90. They eased off slightly at the close, with sellers at $11.80 and buyers offering 10 cents less.

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HONG KONG LANDS—Buyers are offering $63.50 without succeeding in getting shares.

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HUMPHREYS are being inquired for at $14.25 after sales had been put through at $14.40.

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TRAMS—This stock had a sudden drop from $18.75 to $18, but after a few parcels had been taken off the market at $18 and $18.10, an improvement was noticed, and buyers were offering $18.50 for shares without finding sellers, who are asking $18.75.

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STAR FERRIES are wanted at $69.50, but sellers would not part under $70.

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CHINA LIGHTS had rather a sudden "spurt." On Monday last shares were put through at $16.50, but on Friday they had a spectacular jump, and I understand as high as $18.15 was offered and accepted for cash shares. Subsequently, I hear, a large block of shares were put through at $18 for cash. I have been told that the reason for the big jump is that the December "shorts" were trying to cover up. The rate eased off on Saturday, buyers only offering $17.75 for shares, with sellers asking $17.80.

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ELECTRICS have declined slightly owing to a large parcel of shares being put on the market, probably also due to the December settlement influence. Rates were on the decline all the time, shares changing hands from $65.50 to $64.25. They closed with buyers at the latter rate, and the general impression appears to be that they will touch a lower figure before settlement.

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CEMENTS—A large parcel of shares changed hands during the past week in this stock at improving rates from $12.75 to $13. Buyers were offering as high as $13.10 for shares on Saturday, but sellers were holding out for $13.25.

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WATSONS—A few small lots changed hands at $11.60, and there are further buyers at $11.50.

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"DAIRY" FARMS have sellers at $20.75.

REPLIES TO READERS.

Readers who are interested in the local share market are given an opportunity to ask any question relating to local conditions, and replies will appear in this paper every Tuesday. Questions of practice and custom, and prospects of various stocks, etc., in Shanghai and Singapore, can also be dealt with.

Every effort will be made to give as full a reply as possible, but it is distinctly understood that the writer assumes no responsibility whatever by so doing.

Letters must be addressed to "KUFAN," care of the Editor of this paper, and must bear the name and address of the correspondent. It is desirable to include a *nomme de plume*, to enable the correspondent easily to identify the reply intended for him.

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SEEKERS—1. This stock is a bit on the high side already. The company is doing very well, but the share price is not going up because of the already inflated value of the stock. There is likelihood of strong competition locally in the near future. 2. This is very speculative if you intend to hold on for only a few months. On the other hand, if you can hold for a year or so, put your money on this stock. 3. This stock is worth more than its present quotation, but unfortunately is a favourite with speculators, and it is difficult to know what is going to happen at any time. Why not try something else, say Trams, for instance.

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NIBBLE—You have nothing to worry about. Your stock is very steady, and there should not be much activity in these shares. Put it in the bank while you are on leave. You won't miss the market, as you fear.

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PLANTER—Quotations from Singapore by cable can be obtained from any broker with agents in the South. Your stock is now standing at $2.75, but you can get cable quotations through any big firm without any obligation. I would rather sell than hold.

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SECOND—I think this Company is quite sound, but I do not think share prices will go up unless something in the nature of a "boom" sets in next year, which is not improbable. On the whole, I would advise you to wait.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rugby, Dec. 15.
Paris	123.94
New York	4.88 3/32
Brussels	34.86
Geneva	25.11
Amsterdam	12.09⅜
Milan	93.28
Berlin	20.375
Stockholm	18.085
Copenhagen	18.185
Oslo	18.205
Vienna	23.655
Prague	164⅜
Helsingfors	191½
Madrid	35.345
Lisbon	109.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	618
Rio	5 9/16
Buenos Aires	46 9/32
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	2/2½
Hong Kong	1/10
Yokohama	2/0 3/32
Silver, spot & forward	22 9/16

SUGAR.

LICHT'S REVISED ESTIMATES.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter, dated November 1, from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—

The market registered a further decline during the week under review, but there has been a sharp recovery, and, on balance, values are unchanged to ½d. lower.

The weakness has latterly come from America, where the indifference of Refiners has led to outside seliers accepting considerably lower prices for actual, and the Wall Street collapse has also reflected on the Sugar market in company with the other commodity markets.

British Refiners, after their extensive purchases last week, are also out of the market at present, and until there is a renewal of trade demand, no fresh purchases of Raws can be expected from that quarter.

Keen competition still exists between home-grown interests and British Refiners.

The revised estimate of Mr. Licht which was published yesterday proved to be very much as we anticipated in our last report. The figures compare as follows:—

	Estimate Oct. 31. Tons.	Estimate Sept. 30. Tons.
Europe	6,889,000	6,804,000
Russia	1,285,000	1,350,000
Total	8,174,000	8,154,000

We are of the opinion that the recent debacle in Wall Street will reflect favourably in the long run on commodities which are relatively cheap, and which have hitherto been neglected by the speculator in favour of stocks and shares. This particularly applies to Sugar which is undoubtedly reasonable at the present level. Although therefore a rise at the moment may appear to be somewhat premature, we feel that purchases round about these levels will in the long run prove profitable.

Close London last night:—(Raw Beet): December 8s./4½d., last week 8s/4½d.; March 8s./7½d., last week 8s./8½d.; May 9s/2½d., last week 9s./d.

Our New York correspondents cabled last night that the Licht estimate is considered somewhat bearish. Business in the actual market is unsatisfactory. The principal feature consists of the continued selling of December and particularly of January by those who took up September tenders. Our correspondents believe long liquidation is almost over.

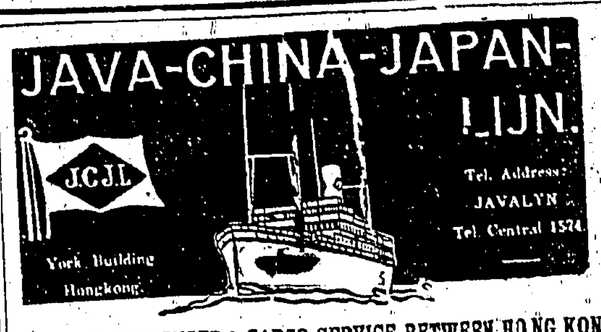
Another cable to hand this morning from New York says that rumours that the syndicate who took up delivery of September contracts are now liquidating have unsettled the market. The selling has uncovered stop orders and brought out increased offerings of Raws. Refiners are still reticent and declining firm offers at 2c.

[*Daily Share Quotations will be found on page 13 of this issue.*]

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES AND 49 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial News
12.30 to 1.30 p.m.—Demonstration programme.
1.48 p.m.—Weather report.
5 to 7 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. and Victor records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie.
"La Traviata—Potpourri, Part 1 and 2" (Verdi), Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
"Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 14" (Liszt), Mark Hambourg.
"Five O'clock Girl"—Selection (Ruby) and "Love Lies"—Selection, New Mayfair Orch.
"Dear Little Cafe" and "I'll see you again" ("Bitter Sweet"—Coward), Peggy Wood and George Metaxa.
"Madam Butterfly" — Selection (Puccini), New Light Symphony Orchestra.
"Pilgrim's Song of Hope" (Batiste) and "Liebestraum" (A Dream of Love) (Liszt), Henry Gordon Thunder.
"Carmen—Selection, Part 1 to 4" (Bizet), Creatore and His Band.
"I like my old home town" (Lauder) and "I'm looking for a Bonnie Lass to love me" (Lauder), Sir Henry Lauder.
"Ballet Egyptian Suite—Part 1 to 4" (Luigini), Concert Orch.
"The Desert Song"—Vocal Gems (Romberg) and "The Blue Mazurka" — Vocal Gems (Lehar), Light Opera Company.
"Trovatore—Selection, Part 1 and 2" (Verdi), Creatore's Band.
"Caprice Viennois" (Kreisler) and "Humoresque" (Dvorak-Kreisler), Fritz Kreisler.
"Cavalleria Rusticana—Intermezzo" (Mascagni) and "Tales of Hoffman—Barcarolle" (Offenbach), Victor Concert Orch.
7.49 p.m.—Evening weather report.
9 p.m.—Chinese programme.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.



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TJILEBOET ...	Amoy	29th Dec.	31st Dec., Noon	Manila, M'ksar. & Soerabaia
TJIKEMBANG	S'hai. & Amoy	30th Dec.	1st Jan., Noon	Batavia
TJIKARANG ...	S'hai. & Amoy	9th Jan.	11th Jan., Noon	
TJISALAK ..	Amoy	12th Jan.	14th Jan., Noon	Manila, M'ksar. & Soerabaia
TJIBADAK ...	S'hai. & Amoy	19th Jan.	21st Jan., Noon	Manila, M'ksar. & Soerabaia

NORTH BOUND.

Steamers	From	Expected on or about	Will Leave on or about	For
TJIKEMBANG	Batavia	18th Dec.	19th Dec.	Amoy & S'hai.
TJILEBOET ...	Java, Makassar	20th Dec.	23rd Dec.	Swatow & Amoy
TJIKARANG ..	Batavia	28th Dec.	28th Dec.	Amoy & S'hai.
TJISALAK ..	Java, Makassar	3rd Jan.	6th Jan.	Swatow & Amoy
TJIBADAK ..	Batavia	8th Jan.	9th Jan.	Amoy & S'hai.
TJISAROEA ...	Java, Makassar	18th Jan.	20th Jan.	Swatow & Amoy
TJISONDARI	Batavia	22nd Jan.	23rd Jan.	Amoy & S'hai.

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Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 9.

ANTWERP.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 18.
Ammon, Jebsen, Dec. 24.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Changte, B. & S., Dec. 17.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 14.

BALTIC PORTS.

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

BALTIMORE.

Urbino, Bank, Dec. 25.

BANGKOK.

Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Hiram, Thoresen, Dec. 22.
Kiungchow, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Hellas, Thoresen, Dec. 29.
Kiangsu, B. & S., Dec. 29.

BELAWAN DELI.

Cremer, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Ilmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.

BOMBAY.

Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
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BOSTON.

Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 19.
Urbino, Bank, Dec. 25.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
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BREMEN.

Ilmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
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Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.

BRINDISI.

Himalaya, D'well's, Dec. 28.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.

CALCUTTA.

Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 1.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 7.
Yuensang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

CEBU.

G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 20.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 31.

COLOMBO.

Athos II, M.M., Dec. 17.
Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Ilmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.
Ammon, Jebsen, Dec. 26.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, Dec. 28.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

COPENHAGEN.

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

DALNY.

Chenan, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Saarbruecken, Melchers Dec. 20/21.
Yingchow, B. & S., Dec. 25.
Aller, Melches, Dec. 30.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 17.

DUTCH PORTS.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 18.
Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 22.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Ilmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Ammon, Jebsen, Dec. 26.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Khyber, P. & S., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

FOOCHOW.

Chipshing, Jardine's, Dec. 17.
Haiyang, Douglas, Dec. 17.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 21.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Dec. 24.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 12.

GENOA.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Ilmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.
Ammon, Jebsen, Dec. 26.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 10.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

GLASGOW.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.

GOTHENBURG.

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 3.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Tonkin, M.M., Dec. 17.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Canton, M.M., Dec. 20.
Chusan, B. & S., Dec. 26.

HAMBURG.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 18.
Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 22.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Ilmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.
Ammon, Jebsen, Dec. 26.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

HAVRE.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.

HONOLULU.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.

ILOILO.

G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 20.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.

JAPAN PORTS

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 17.
Suisang, Jardine's, Dec. 17.
Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.
Angers, M.M., Dec. 18.
Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 18.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Dec. 18.
Havelland, Jebsen, Dec. 18.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Panama, Manners, Dec. 20.
Takaoka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Bellerophon, B.F., Dec. 23.
Hilda, D'well's, Dec. 24.
Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 24.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 27.
Ermland, Jebsen, Dec. 28.
Aller, Mechers, Dec. 30.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec 31.
Talthybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Glenshane, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.
Remo, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.
Mantua, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Burgenland, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 15.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

LIVERPOOL.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.

LONDON.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 18.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.

LOS ANGELES.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 17.
Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.
Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec 31.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan 14.
Bonneville, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

MANILA

Changte, B. & S., Dec. 17.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 17.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 17.
Tjisaroen, J.C.J.L., Dec. 17.
G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 21.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.
Ammon, Jebsen, Dec. 26.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Emp. of Canada C.P.S., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Dec. 31.
Tjilcboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 31.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 14.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 14.

MARSEILLES.

Athos II, M.M., Dec. 17.
Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 18.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

NAPLES.

Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 19.
Urbino, Bank, Dec. 25.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 1.
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tatsemo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Royal Prince, Furness, Jan. 16.

NORTH CHINA.

Havelland, Jebsen, Dec. 18.
Panama, Manners, Dec. 20.
Saarbruecken, Melchers Dec. 20/21.
Aller, Melches, Dec. 30.
Burgenland, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 17.

OSLO.

Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 22.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

PANAMA.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.

PENANG.

Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Cremer, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 1.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Yuensang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 7.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

PORTLAND.

Nevada, S.S.S., Dec. 21.
Bonneville, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

RABAUL.

Bremerhaven, Melchers, Dec. 28.

RANGOON.

Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.

SAIGON.

Athos II, M.M., Dec. 17.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

SANDAKAN.

Mausang, Jardine's, Dec. 27.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Jan. 4.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 17.
Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.
Takaoka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Nevada, S.S.S., Dec. 21.
Golden Sun, S.S.S., Dec. 24.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec 31.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan 14.
Tatsemo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonneville, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 22.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

SEATTLE.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Talthybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonneville, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

SHANGHAI.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 17.
Shantung, B. & S., Dec. 17.
Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.
Angers, M.M., Dec. 18.
Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 18.
Chenan, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Dec. 18.
Havelland, Jebsen, Dec. 18.
Kwaisang, Jardine's, Dec. 18.
Linan, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Shansi, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Panama, Manners, Dec. 20.
Takaoka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Saarbruecken, Melchers Dec. 20/21.

SHANGHAI.—(*Continued*).

Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Fooshing, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Kanchow, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Bellerophon, B.F., Dec. 23.
Hilda, D'well's, Dec. 24.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Sunning, B. & S., Dec. 24.
Waishing, Jardine's, Dec. 25.
Yingchow, B. & S., Dec. 25.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 27.
Ermland, Jebsen, Dec. 28.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.
Hangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Aller, Melches, Dec. 30.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec 31.
Glenshane, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.
Remo, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.
Mantua, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Burgenland, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 9.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 24.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonneville, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 15.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 17.

SINGAPORE.

Athos II, M.M., Dec. 17.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Cremer, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Antung, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Ilmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Ammon, Jebsen, Dec. 26.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.
Tilawa, B.I. Jan. 3.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Yuensang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 7.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.

SWATOW.

Haiyang, Douglas, Dec. 17.
Shantung, B. & S., Dec. 17.
Kwaisang, Jardine's, Dec. 18.
Linan, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 21.
Antung, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Fooshing, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Hiram, Thoresen, Dec. 22.
Kiungchow, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Tjilcboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 23.
Sunning, B. & S., Dec. 24.
Waishing, Jardine's, Dec. 25.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Hangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Hellas, Thoresen, Dec. 29.
Kiangsu, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.

TIENTSIN.

Chipshing, Jardine's, Dec. 17.
Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Dec. 24.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 31.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 12.

TRIESTE AND VENICE.

Himalaya, D'well's, Dec. 28.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.

TSINGTAO.

Shantung, B. & S., Dec. 17.
Kwaisang, Jardine's, Dec. 18.
Fooshing, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Sunning, B. & S., Dec. 24.
Waishing, Jardine's, Dec. 25.
Hangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Dec. 18.
Talthybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Bonneville, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Dec. 18.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Talthybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.

VLADIVOSTOCK.

Glenshane, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

WEIHAIWEI.

Chipshing, Jardine's, Dec. 17.
Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Dec. 24.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 31.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 12.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Aki Maru due from Japan Dec. 19.
Akita Maru due from Japan Dec. 23.
Alipore due from Shanghai Dec. 18.
Aller due from Europe Dec. 30.
Ammon due from Shanghai Dec. 23.
Angers due from Europe Dec. 17.
Antenor due from Shanghai Jan. 22.
Antilochus due from Shanghai Jan. 20.
Anyo Maru due from Singapore Dec. 20.
Athos II. due from Shanghai Dec. 17.
Awa Maru due from Japan Jan. 16.
Bellerophon due from Europe Dec. 27.
Beltana due from Shanghai Dec. 17.
Bengal Maru, due from Japan Dec. 27.
Bingo Maru due from Singapore Dec. 19.
Bremerhaven due from Rabaul Dec. 17.
Bronxville due from Europe Jan. 19.
Burgenland due from Europe Jan. 9.
Canton due from Shanghai Dec. 20.
Ceylon due from Japan Jan. 11.
Chinese Prince due from New York Dec. 17.
City of Durham due from Europe Dec. 18.
City of Hereford due from Europe Jan. 15.
City of Kobe due from Europe Jan. 12.
City of Salisbury due from New York Jan. 29.
Coblenz due from Europe Jan. 17.
Cremer due from Swatow Dec. 18.
Cyclops due from Japan Dec. 20.
D'Artagnan due from Shanghai Dec. 30.
Danmark due from Shanghai Jan. 4.
Delagoa Maru due from Singapore Dec. 21.
Demodocus due from Europe Dec. 31.
Diomed due from Shanghai Jan. 7.
Dolius due from Europe Jan. 3.
Durban Maru due from Singapore Jan. 10.
Empress of Asia arrived from Manila Dec. 16.
Emp. of Canada due from Shanghai Dec. 28.
Empress of Russia arrived Vancouver Dec. 14.
Ermland due from Europe Dec. 28.
Franken due from Europe Jan. 25.
Fushimi Maru due from Singapore Jan. 10.
General Metzinger due from Europe Jan. 14.
Genoa Maru due from Singapore Jan. 8.
Glenamoy due from Europe Jan. 9.
Glengary due from Europe Jan. 16.
Gleniffer due from Shanghai Dec. 21.
Glenshane due from Europe Dec. 30.
Hakusan Maru due from Singapore Dec. 22.
Havelland due from Singapore Dec. 18.
Hector due from Europe Jan. 9.
Hilda due from Europe Dec. 23.
Himalaya due from Shanghai Dec. 27.
Ilmar due from Shanghai Dec. 22/21.
Isar due from Shanghai Jan. 4.
Ixion due from Europe Jan. 7.
Iyo Maru due from Japan Jan. 20.
Java due from Europe Jan. 9.
Jeypore due from Japan Jan. 25.
Kamakura Maru due from Japan Jan. 2.
Karmala due from Europe Jan. 17.
Khiva due from Europe Dec. 21.
Khyber due from Japan Dec. 27.
Kidderpore due from Europe Jan. 9.
Koenigsberg due from Shanghai Dec. 26.
Korea Maru due from Europe Jan. 13.
Lahore due from Shanghai Jan. 10.
Laomedon due from Europe Jan. 25.
Malwa due from Shanghai Dec. 20.
Manila Maru due from Japan Dec. 23.
Mantua due from Europe Jan. 2.
Maredonia arrived London Dec. 13.
Mentor due from Europe Jan. 21.
Mirzapore due from Europe Dec. 20.
Mishima Maru due from Shanghai Dec. 30.
Muroran Maru arrived from Japan Dec. 14.
Nagano Maru due from Singapore Jan. 5.
Nellore due from Europe Jan. 6.
Oldenburg due from Shanghai Jan. 10.
Panama due from Europe Dec. 17.
Patroclus due from Shanghai Dec. 23.
Philoctetes due from Europe Jan. 6.
Pres. Cleveland due from Manila Dec. 23.
Pres. Garfield due from Shanghai Dec. 28.
Pres. Madison due from Shanghai Dec. 20.
Pres. Pierce due from Shanghai Dec. 30.
Rajputana due from Japan Jan. 3.
Saarbruecken due from Europe Dec. 20/21.
Sphinx due from Europe Jan. 1.
Springbank due from New York Jan. 1.
St. Albans due from Japan Jan. 2.
Suwa Maru due from Shanghai Dec. 27.
Taiping due from Australia Jan. 7.
Taiyo Maru arrived from Shanghai Dec. 16.
Takada due from Singapore Dec. 19.
Takliwa due from Singapore Jan. 20.
Talamba due from Japan Jan. 3.
Talma due from Singapore Jan. 7.
Talthybius due from Europe Dec. 17.
Tango Maru due from Japan Dec. 24.
Tatsuno Maru due from Europe Jan. 13.
Tenyo Maru due from Shanghai Dec. 31.
Tilawa due from Japan Dec. 30.
Tjibadak due from Java Jan. 8.
Tjikarang due from Java Dec. 28.
Tjikembang due from Java Dec. 18.
Tjileboet due from Java Dec. 20.
Tjisalak due from Java Jan. 3.
Tjisondari due from Amoy Dec. 19.
Tottori Maru due from Japan Dec. 27.
Urbino due from Europe Dec. 21.
Viminale due from Shanghai Jan. 6.

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				Banks				
$1,315	...	1,315/	1,323	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	$1,315
....	...	...	£124	Do. (London)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	£18⅜	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	£19½
...	...	...	£30½	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	£34½
...	...	...	£15½	Do. "C"	...	...	...	£15
$95	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	$95
				Insurances				
...	...	...	$695	Canton Ins.	$680	....	...	...
...	$2.20	...	...	Underwriters	$2.05		...	...
T160	...	...	...	North China	...	...	...	T160
$357	...	358/60	...	Union Ins.	$359	...	...	....
...	...	...	M.$50	Yangtsze Ins.	...	...	...	$60
$310	...	$310	...	China Fires	$310	...	...	...
...	...	...	$815	H.K. Fires	$815	...	...	...
				Shipping				
...	...	...	$25½	Douglases	...	...	...	$25
$27½	...	...	...	Steamboats	$27½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$46	Indos (pref.)	...	...	...	$50
...	...	...	$70	Do. (def.)	...	...	...	$90
...	...	...	95/-	Shell Transports	...	...	...	100/-
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...	...	...	T13.60	Langkats (comb.)	...	...	...	T.14½
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...	...	...	T1.30	Explorations	...	...	...	T.1½
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...	...	...	...	H.K. Docks	...	...	...	$33
$32½	...	...	T.94	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	T.95
...	...	...	T.7½	New Engineerings	...	...	...	T.7½
...	...	...	T.190	Hongkews	...	...	...	...
				Cotton Mills				
T14.40	...	...	...	Ewos	T.14	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.74	S'hai. C'tons (old)	...	...	...	T.78
...	...	...	T.47	Do. (new)	...	...	...	T.51
...	...	...	T.9	Zoong Sings	...	...	...	T9.40
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
$11.70	...	...	...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	$11.75	11.85/.	85
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...	...	...	T.161	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
$7.90	...	...	...	H.K. Realtys	$8	...	...	...
$14½	....	...	...	Humphreys	...	...	$14.40	...
...	$98	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
				Public Utilities				
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...	...	...	$6.05	Peak Trams (old)	$11	...	...	...
...	...	...	$69½	Do. (new)	$65	...	...	...
$17.65	$17.90	...	...	Star Ferries	$69½	...	...	...
...	...	...	$17.35	C. Lights (old)	$17½	$18	$17.90	...
$64½	$65	...	...	Do. (new)	$17½	...	...	...
$23	...	...	...	H.K. Electrics	$64½	$64⅝	...	...
...	$2½	...	...	Macao do.	...	...	...	...
$7.80	...	...	...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
T.15½	...	...	...	Telephones	...	...	...	$8
...	10/-	...	...	China Buses	...	...	...	...
...	19/-	...	...	Tractions	...	...	...	9/-
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			T.10	Macgregor (pref.)	...	...	...	...
			$2½	Canton Ices	...	...	...	...
$13.20	...	13.20/.	30	Cements (comb.)	$13.40	...	13.20/.	30
...	...	...	$9½	Do (old)	...	...	...	$2½
...	...	...	$3	Do. (new)	...	...	...	$10
...	$7½	...	...	Ropes	$7	$7.30	...	$3½
$0.90	...	...	...	China Sugars	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	$27	Malabon Sugars	...	...	...	...
$5	...	...	...	United Asbestos	...	...	...	$29
				Miscellaneous				
...	...	...	$20½	Dairy Farms	...	...	...	$20½
...	...	...	$0.80	Der A. Wings	...	...	...	...
...	$28½	...	...	Amusements	$27½	...	...	...
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...	...	...	$12	Nanyang Tobacco	$4	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sinceres (old)	$10½	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	$9½	...	...	...
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Station	Dec. 15, 1929. Hong Kong Standard Time	Barometer at Sea Level: Inches	Barometer at Sea Level: Millrs.	Temperature	Humidity	Wind: Direction	Wind: Force (Beaufort)	Weather (Beaufort)	Dec. 16, 1929. Hong Kong Standard Time	Barometer at Sea Level: Inches	Barometer at Sea Level: Millrs.	Temperature	Humidity	Wind: Direction	Wind: Force (Beaufort)	Weather (Beaufort)
Wladivostock	12	30.48	774.3	9	...	NNE	7	o	6	30.31	769.9	18	...	NNE	8	o
Nemuro	11	30.41	772.5	...	...	NNE	1	...	5	30.51	773.0	...	...	SSE	1	...
Hokodate	"	30.39	772.0	...	...	ENE	2	...	"	30.30	769.5	...	...	ESE	2	...
Tokio	"	30.16	766.0	...	...	[illegible]	2	...	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	N	2	...
Kochi	"	30.00	762.0	...	...	...	0	...	"	30.02	762.5	...	...	..	0	...
Nagasaki	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	...	0	...	"	30.92	760.0	...	...	SE	1	...
Kagoshima	"	29.90	759.0	...	...	NNE	1	...	"	29.94	760.5	...	...	NE	1	...
Oshima	"	29.88	759.0	...	...	...	0	...	"	29.96	761.0	...	...	S	1	...
Naha	"	29.88	759.0	...	...	SSW	3	...	"	29.96	761.0	...	...	SSE	1	...
Ishigakijima	"	29.88	759.0	...	...	SSE	1	...	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	SSE	1	...
Bonin Island	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	NE	1	...	"	29.96	761.0	...	...	...	0	...
Chefoo	15	30.03	762.7	40	100	NNE	4	r	6	30.00	762.0	38	100	NNE	6	r
Shanghai	14	29.92	759.9	48	100	NW	2	r	"	30.06	763.5	45	97	NW	4	r
Gutzlaff	"	29.99	761.7	50	100	NW	4	r	"	30.07	763.8	48	100	NNW	4	r
Sharp Peak	"	29.79	756.6	68	85	E	1	rf	7	29.88	759.0	65	91	E	2	r
Amoy	"	29.82	757.5	71	91	SE	2	o	6	29.88	759.0	68	95	ENE	4	of
Swatow	"	29.81	757.2	68	95	S	2	b	"	29.86	758.4	64	95	SW	2	o
Taihoku	11	29.91	759.6	77	72	...	1	o	5	29.94	760.5	66	98	...	0	o
Taichu	"	29.93	760.2	77	...	...	0	o	"	29.97	761.1	66	...	...	0	o
Tainan	"	29.88	759.0	84	...	W	2	o	"	29.91	759.6	64	...	...	0	e
Koshun	"	29.89	759.3	81	...	NNW	2	o	"	29.91	759.6	68	...	...	0	b
Pescadores	"	29.91	759.6	79	...	W	2	b	"	29.91	759.6	70	...	ENE	2	b
Hong Kong	14	29.79	756.6	77	78	SSE	3	o	6	29.85	758.2	73	89	SSE	1	o
Gap Rock	"	29.81	757.2	...	...	SSE	3	o	"	29.84	757.9	..	...	SE	3	c
Macao	"	29.76	756.0	77	84	SE	4	o	"	29.82	757.5	70	98	SSE	4	c
Hoihow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	"	29.85	758.2	81	74	...	0	bc	"	29.89	759.2	71	95	...	0	b
Phulien	15	29.67	753.6	61	83	SSE	4	o	7	29.78	756.3	73	...	SSE	4	sf
Tourane	"	29.74	755.4	81	...	SE	2	b	"	29.80	756.9	73	...	W	2	c
Cape St. James	"	29.78	756.3	77	...	ENE	6	b	"	29.82	757.3	75	...	ENE	4	c
Basco	14	29.82	757.5	81	73	SW	2	b	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aparri	"	29.81	757.2	84	71	NE	2	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	"	29.80	756.9	86	71	..	0	o	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	"	29.81	757.2	84	60	NW	4	b	"	29.82	757.5	73	82	ESE	2	b
Manila	"	29.79	756.6	86	65	SW	2	b	"	29.86	758.4	68	94	...	0	b
Legaspi	"	29.80	756.9	86	71	ENE	4	b	"	29.85	758.1	77	89	NNE	2	b
Calboyog	"	29.79	756.6	86	56	NE	4	b	"	29.85	758.1	70	98	N	2	b
Tacloban	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.85	758.1	72	94	W	2	b
Iloilo	"	29.75	755.7	84	60	NE	6	b	"	29.82	757.5	78	88	N	4	b
Cebu	"	29.78	756.3	...	...	NE	4	b	"	29.82	757.5	75	79	SE	2	b
Surigao	"	29.78	756.3	84	64	ENE	4	b	"	29.81	757.2	73	92	...	0	o
Saipan	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.71	754.5	...	...	NE	6	o	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.72	754.8	...	...	NNE	2	o	5	29.80	756.9	...	...	NE	4	o
Pelew	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.78	756.4	78	...	...	2	r
Labuan	14	29.81	757.2	86	68	..	0	b	6	29.73	755.1	80	82	SE	4	b

December 16d. 10h. 55m.—The anticyclone is central to the N.E. of Japan. The depression over S.W. China is shallower.

A depression is shown to the south of Korea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0·00 inch. Total since January 1, 69·40 inches, against an average of 82·54 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 17.

District.	Forecast.
1.—Formosa Channel 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan	S.E. to E. or N.E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some drizzle or mist, becoming cooler.

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 16

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.79	29.93	29.86
Temperature	75	77	75
Humidity	80	85	85
Wind—			
Direction	SSE	S	S
Force	2	2	2
Weather	O	O	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.10

Highest open-air Temperature, 15: 77
Lowest open-air Temperature, 16: 73

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		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Tues.	17	m 11 0	4 6	m 4 17	0 4
		9 24 a	8 8	2 56 a	3 4
Wed.	18	0 2 a	4 5	m 5 4	0 2
		10 9 a	8 8	3 34 a	3 6
Thur.	19	1 4 a	4 4	m 5 54	0 2
		10 58 a	8 5	5 15 a	3 7
Fri.	20	2 5 a	4 3	m 6 48	0 5
		11 54 a	7 9	5 1 a	3 9
Sat.	21	— —	— —	m 7 45	0 9
		3 4 a	4 4	5 56 a	4 1
Sun.	22	m 0 59	7 2	m 8 43	1 4
		4 0 a	4 5	7 18 a	4 3
Mon.	23	m 2 28	6 5	m 9 40	1 9
		4 50 a	4 9	9 16 a	4 3

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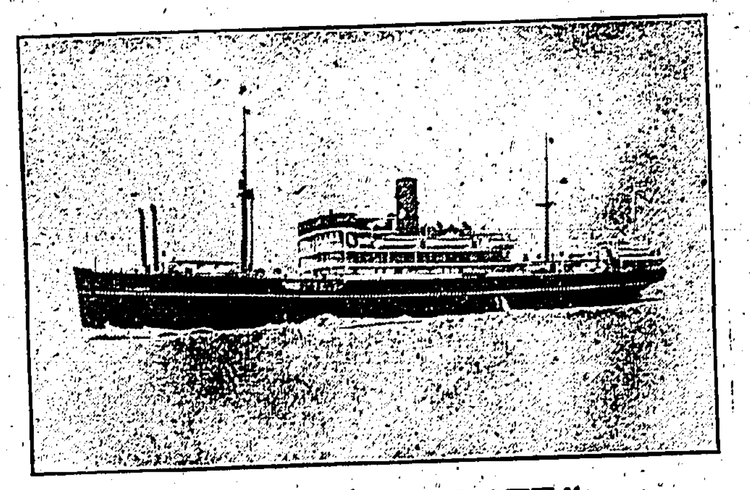

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	"WAISHING"	Wed., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"HANGSANG"	Sun., 29th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE ...	"KUMSANG"	Wed., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
	"HOSANG"	Sun., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA ...	"NAMSANG"	Thurs., 19th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"KUTSANG"	Satur., 28th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"YUENSANG"	Mon., 6th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"SUISANG"	Fri., 17th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"MAUSANG"	Fri., 27th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"HINSANG"	Satur., 4th Jan., at Noon
TIENTSIN via FOOCHOW & WEI-HAI-WEI ...	"CHEONGSHING"	Tues., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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Express	Freight	S.S. "Aller"	departure 31st Jan.
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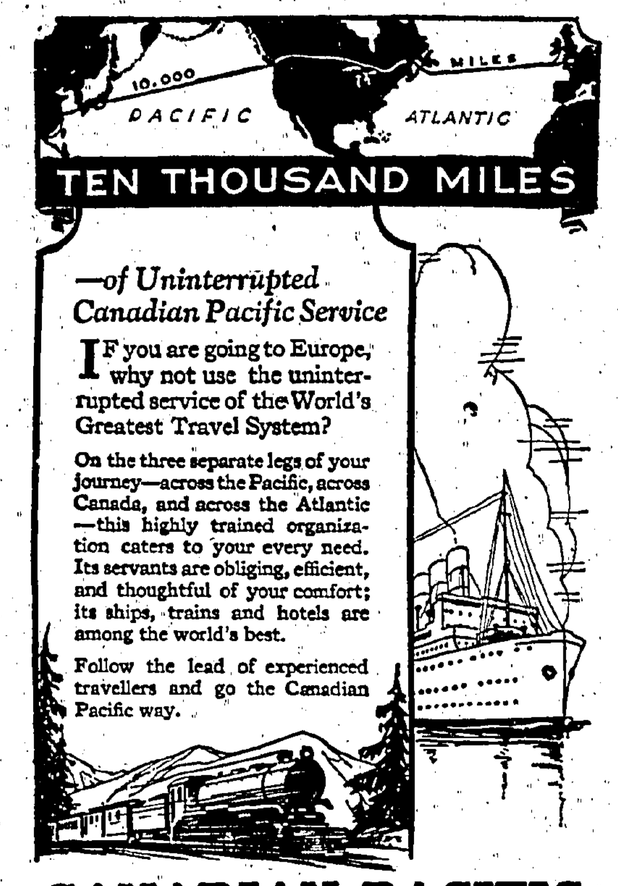

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 22,500 TONS; THROUGH CARGO 11,700 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follow:—

	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
British		
Cepolis, Balikpapan	7,380	—
Luchow, Canton	—	100
Kiungchow, Bangkok	640	50
Pong Tong, Saigon	500	—
Shantung, Canton	—	130
Suisang, Calcutta	1,920	920
Haiyang, Foochow	350	—
Chipshing, Canton	—	360
Apoey, Kamfa	2,600	1,600
Kueichow, Tientsin	570	120
	14,390	3,310
American		
Pres. Lincoln, Manila	230	1,690
	230	1,690
Norwegian		
Prominent, Feng Yuen Hang	1,000	—
Hiram, Bangkok	200	—
	1,200	—
Dutch		
Tjisorea, Sourabaya	—	220
	—	220
Danish		
Michael Jebsen, Singapore	2,000	—
	2,000	—
Japanese		
Anyo Maru, Valparaiso	220	—
Taiyo Maru, Los Angeles	340	—
Toyo Maru No. 5, Port Arthur	1,540	1,220
Koyo Maru, Keelung	650	900
Muroran Maru, Yokohama	1,020	3,350
Yei Maru, Keelung	550	1,030
	4,320	6,500
Portuguese		
Wing Lee, K. C. Wan	400	—
	400	—
Total	22,540	11,720

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	10	2
American	1	0
Norwegian	2	1
Dutch	2	0
Danish	1	0
Japanese	6	8
Chinese	2	1
Portuguese	1	1
French	0	1
Total	25	14

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT CASES.

Three *tokis* were each fined $10 by Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood at the Marine Court yesterday for going on board the s.s. Kingyuan, at Buoy B13, without the permission of the captain.

Lying Inshore.

Five masters of cargo boats were fined $3 each for lying inshore at Eastern Street Wharf at West Point.

Collision at Sea.

Captain D. Williams, the master of the s.s. Kueichow, which arrived here on December 15 from Tientsin and Swatow, reported that while the vessel was at Tientsin Wharf she collided with the s.s. Yunnan and sustained minor damage. She is owned by the China Navigation Co. and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire are the local agents.

Notice to Mariners.

In a report to the Harbour Master the Royal Naval Armament Depot states that a small quantity of .303" ammunition and fireworks will be fired for proof purposes at Stonecutters' Rifle Range on Wednesday, Dec. 18, p.m.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Kiungchow (Br.) Bangkok, Swatow	13
Pong Tong (Br.) Saigon ...	33
Shantung (Br.) Canton	49
Suisang (Br.) Calcutta, Singapore	283
Haiyang (Br.) Foochow, Swatow	144
Kueichow (Br.) Tientsin, Swatow	23
Pres. Lincoun (Am.) Manila	325
Prominent (Nor.) Fan Yuen Hang	360
Hiram (Nor.) Bangkok, Swatow	60
Tjisorea (Dut.) Sourabaya, Amoy	535
Michael Jebsen (Dan.) Singapore, Hoihow	178
Cheung On (Chi.) Shan Mei	160
Wing Lee (Port.) K. C. Wan	104
Total	2,267

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves.—Kowloon: Pres. Lincoln, Suisang, Emp. of Asia, Taiyo Maru; A.P.C.—North Point: Cepalis; Socony—Laichikok: Standard Arrow; Douglas Lapraik: Haiching, Haiyang.

Docks.—Kowloon: Venezia, Kutsang, Hang Sang, Kong Ning, Tai Lee, Ping Ching; Taikoo: Taishan, Kwangchow, Sinkiang, Kiangsu, Seang Bee; Cosmopolitan: Argonauta.

Buoys.—A1 Changte, A2 Anyo Maru, A3 Tjisorea, A4 Taiyo Maru, A5 Taiyuan, A6 Bellingham, B9 Shantung, A10 Takaoka Maru, B11 Kiungchow, B13 Kingyuan, C17 Hiram, A25 Montana, A28 Lyeemoon, A29 Beltana, B32 Kwaisang, C33 Chipshing, C35 Halvard, B36 Tamahimi Maru, C37 Kueichow, B38 Song Bo, C39 Michael Jebsen, C40 Prominent, C41 Haldis, C42 Pong Tong, C43 Tonkin, C44 Toyo Maru No. 5, C45 Proteus, B50 Yei Maru, B55 Bendoran.

ARRIVALS.

December 15.

Cepolis, British str., 3,365 tons, Capt. W. J. Hammond, from Tarakan, North Point.—A.P.C.

Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Swatow, buoy No. C37.—B. & S.

Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 641 tons, Capt. J. Antunes, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Yiu Yuen & Co.

December 16.

Anyo Maru, Japanese str., 5,741 tons, Capt. I. Nirei, from Moji, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.

Empress of Asia, British str., 16,900 tons, Capt. A. J. Italley, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.

Foo Shing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. W. A. Balch, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Kiung Chow, British str., 1,535 tons, Capt. C. Stringer, from Bangkok and Swatow, buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Michael Jebsen, Danish str., 1,342 tons, Capt. H. Ipland, from Hoihow, buoy No. C39.—Chiu Seng Hong.

Phranang, Chinese str., 1,029 tons, Capt. Koriapley, from Whampoa, Shum Shui Po.—Chau Yue Teng.

Pong Tong, British str., 1,001 tons, tons, Capt. R. E. Freckelton, from Saigon, buoy No. C42.—Yuen Seng Fat.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,372 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Saigon, buoy No. C40.—Fau Yuen Hong.

Shansi, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. W. W. Richards, from Swatow, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Taiyo Maru, Japanese str., 14,439 tons, Capt. Shiro Hirata, from California *via* Japan, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tjisaroea, Dutch str., 4,394 tons, Capt. D. Pals, from Amoy, buoy No. A3.—J.C.J.L.

Toyo Maru No. 5, Japanese str., 1,239 tons, Capt. J. Asano, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. C44.—M.B.K.

CLEARANCES

December 16.

Chante, for Manila.
Chipshing, for Swatow.
Fooshing, for Canton.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kingyuen, for Swatow.
Kueichow, for Canton.
Michael Jebsen, for Swatow.
President Lincoln, for Shanghai.
Proteus, for Singapore.
Shantung, for Swatow.
Shansi, for Canton.
Sui Sang, for Moji.
Tasmania Maru, for Singapore.
Tjisaroea, for Manila.
Tonkin, for K. C. Wan.
Utrecht, for Foochow.
Yei Maru No. 2, for Canton.

The Khiva left Singapore for this port on the 16th instant at 10 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on Saturday about 6 a.m.

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*"ALIPORE"	5,273	19th Dec., 4 p.m.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay, [A'werp
"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec.	Marseilles and London.
†"KHYBER"	9,114	28th Dec. 1930	Mars., L'don., Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & [A'werp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	4th Jan.	B'bay., Mars. & L'don.
*"LAHORE"	5,304	11th Jan. [Mars.,	L'don, Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp.
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th Jan.	Mars., London, R'dm. & A'werp.
*"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th Jan. [Mars.,	L'don, Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	15th Feb.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'werp.
*"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	19th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	8th Mar. [Mars.,	L'don., Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dm. & A'werp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars., L'don, R'dm. & A'werp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th May	Bombay, Mars. & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May [Mars.,	L'don., Hull, H'bg., R'dm. & A'werp.
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"TAKADA"	6,949	19th Jan.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Jan.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	8th Feb.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	18th Feb.	do.
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*"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Jan., 1930	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"NELLORE"	6,853	31st Jan.	
"TANDA"	6,956	28th Feb.	

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From	Per	Due
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Shanghai	*Beltana*	17th Dec.
Rabaul	*Bremerhaven* ...	17th Dec.
Shanghai & Swatow	*Suchuen*	18th Dec.
Swatow	*Bremer*	18th Dec.
Shanghai	*Alipore*	19th Dec.
Straits	*Bingo Maru* ...	19th Dec.
Australia & Manila	*Aki Maru*... ...	
U.S.A. (Seattle, 30th Nov.), & Shanghai	*Pres. Madison* ...	20th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai...	*Malwa*	20th Dec.
Europe via Suez (Letters & papers, London, 21st Nov., & parcels 14th Nov.)	*Khiva*	21st Dec.
Straits	*Hokusan Maru* ...	22nd Dec.
Japan	*Manila Maru* ...	23rd Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Cleveland* ...	23rd Dec.
Japan...	*Tango Maru* ...	24th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Suwa Maru* ...	27th Dec.
Canada (Victoria B.C., 7th December), U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Emp. of Canada*...	28th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 29th Nov.), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Garfield* ...	28th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Mishima Maru* ...	30th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 6th Dec.), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Pierce* ...	30th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 4th December), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Tenyo Maru* ...	31st Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date & Time
*Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island — due Thursday Island, 26th Dec.	*Changte* ...	Tuesday, 17th, Reg. 9.45 A M
Bangkok ... ... —		Letters 10.30 A M
*Manila & Java via Soerbaia — ...	*Tamahime Maru*	10.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Tjisaroea*... —	10.00 A M
	Haiyang ...	1.00 P M
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th Jan., 1930	*Athos II*... ...	*Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong and Wuchow via Pakhoi	*Tonkin*	1.30 P M
Manila	*Pres. Cleveland* —	4.30 P M
Swatow	*Kwai Sang* ...	5.00 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 4th Jan., 1930, & *Europe via Siberia	*Empress of Asia*	Parcels 5.00 P M Wednesday 18th, Reg. 9.15 A M Letters 10.00 A M
Hoihow	—	
Straits	*Kwangchow* ...	Wednesday, 18th, 9.30 A M
Amoy	*Beltana*	10.00 A M
	Chenan	1.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Deli Maru* ...	Thursday, 19th, 8.30 A M
Straits	*Oremer*	10.30 P M
	Nam Sang ...	Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P M
Straits and Calcutta	—	
	Kuetchow... ...	Friday, 20th, 8.30 A M
Swatow & Wei Hai Wei	*Aki Maru*... ...	9.30 A M
Japan and *EUROPE via Siberia ...		*Kowloon P.O.* Parcels 4.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th Jan., 1930	*Malwa*	Reg., 21st, 9.00 A M Letters 10.00 A M *G.P.O.* Par., 20th, 5.00 P M Reg., 21st, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
	—	Saturday, 21st, 2.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	*Haining* ...	5.00 P M
Amoy	*Antung*	5.00 P M
Foochow & Wei Hai Wei	*Cheong Shing* ..	

* Superscribed correspondence only.

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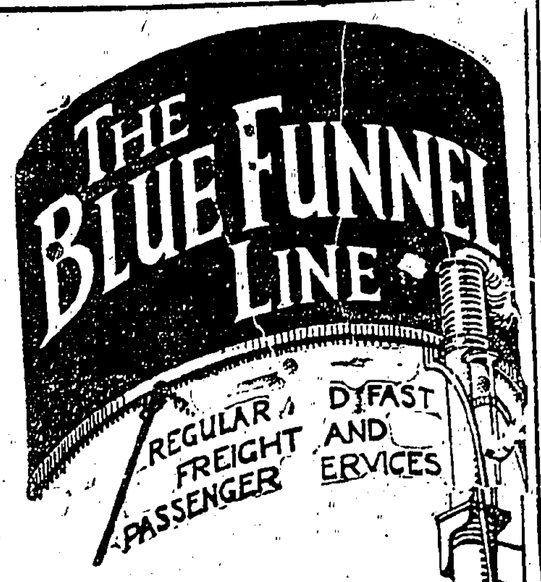

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"PATROCLUS" 24th Dec., M'les., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.
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Authorised Capital.....$50,000,000
Issued & Fully Paid-up...$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £6,000,000
Silver $14,000,000

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Head Office: Hong Kong.

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Colombo	Lyons	Sungei Patani
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Foochow	Manila	Tokyo
Haiphong	Mukden	Tsingtao
Hamburg	Nagasaki	Yokohama
Hankow	New York	
Harbin	Peiping	
Hongkew		

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 27th Nov., 1929. [26

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2

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Gldrs. 150,000,000.
(£12,500,000.)
Paid-Up Capital...Gldrs. 80,000,000.
(£6,666,667.)
Reserve Fund.....Gldrs. 40,000,000.
(£3,333,333.)

Head Office:—Amsterdam.*
Eastern Head Office:—Batavia.
BRANCHES:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng*, Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Djember, Djokjakarta*, The Hague*, Jiddah, Kobe, Kota-Radja, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pekalongan, Pontianak, Rangoon, Rotterdam*, Samarang*, Shanghai, Sibolga (Sumatra), Singapore, Soerabaia, Soerakarta (Solo), Tegal, Tjilatjap and Weltevreden*.
*These offices have Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

London Bankers:—
National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.
P. M. ELBERG,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1929. [34

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Head Office: Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Currency.
Authorized Capital..$11,000,000
Paid-up Capital 8,664,200
Reserve Fund 850,000

Branches:—
Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Swatow, Bangkok, New York and San Francisco.

London Bankers:—
The Lloyds Bank, Ltd.
Correspondents
In all Principal Cities of the World.
Foreign Exchange and Banking Business of every description transacted.
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LOOK POONG SHAN,
377] Manager.

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Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

AGENCIES & BRANCHES:

Alor Star (Malay States)	Hong Kong	Tongkah (Ihuket)
Amritsar	Iloilo	Bangoon
Bangkok	Ipoh	Saigon
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Bombay	Klang	Sekemban
Calcutta	Kobe	Shanghai
Canton	Kuala Kangsar	Singapore
Cawnpore	Kuala Lumpur	Sourabaya
Cebu	Kuching	Taiping
Colombo	Madras	(F.M.S.)
Dairen	Manila	Tavoy
Delhi	Medan	Tientsin
Haiphong	New York	Tokyo
Hamburg	Penang	Tsingtao
Hankow	Peping	Yokohama
Harbin (North Manchuria)	Peshawar	Zamboanga (Philippine Islands).

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1929. [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE
(Incorporated in France).
Prince's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.

Head Office:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

	Frs.
Capital, fully paid-up ...	50,000,000
Special Working Capital	50,000,000
Reserves	22,319,000

Branches:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Tourane	Quinhon	Hue
Thanh-hoa	Vinh	Pnom Penh
Peping	Shanghai	Tientsin
	Hong Kong	

Bankers:
France: Société Générale, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: American Exchange Irving Trust Co., Banca Commerciale Italiana.
San Francisco: Bank of Italy.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st July, 1929.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office:—
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,800,000
Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest ...£1,612,047

Bankers:
The Bank of England
and
Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches:

Bangkok	Karachi	Madras
Batavia	Kota Bharu	New York
Bombay	Kuala Krai	Penang
Calcutta	(Kelantan)	Port Louis
Colombo	Kuala Lipis	(Mauritius)
Delhi	(Pahang)	Rangoon
Galle	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Hong Kong	Kuantan	Simla
Howrah	(Pahang)	Singapore
Ipoh		Sourabaya
Kandy		

Hong Kong Branch:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Travellers Cheques issued.
Trustee and Executorships undertaken.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 1st Oct., 1929. [29

THE BANK OF CHINA.
中銀國中

(Special authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital.... $60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 19,760,200.00
Reserve Fund 9,864,398.69

Head Office:—Peping.
Hong Kong Branch:—4, Queen's Road Central.

Branches and Sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.
London Bankers:—The Guaranty Trusty Co. of New York, The National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
New York Bankers:—The Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on Approved Securities.
Quotations furnished for domestic exchange.
SHOU J. CHEN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th June, 1927. [38

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.102,000,000.00

Branches:

Bangkok	Hong Kong	Quinhon
Battambang	Hue	Saigon
Cantho	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Canton	Nam-Dinh	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Thanhon
Fort Bayard	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peping	Tourane
Hankow	Phnom-Penh	Vinh
Hanoi	Pondicherry	Yunnanfu

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Générale
In London: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
In New York: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trusty Co., of New York.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes to let.
A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929. [32

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid up ..... Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund .....Yen 108,500,000

Head Office: Yokohama.

Branches and Agencies at:

Alexandria	Kai Yuen	Rangoon
Batavia	Karachi	Saigon
Bombay	Kobe	Soerabaya
Calcutta	London	San Francisco
Canton	Lyons	Seattle
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Hamburg	New York	Tientsin
Hankow	Osaka	Tokyo
Harbin	Peping	Tsinanfu
Hong Kong	Rio de Janeiro	Tsingtao
Honolulu		

Buenos Ayres (Temporarily closed).
Vladivostock (Temporarily closed).
Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods on rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, Sept. 11, 1929. [35

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Head Office: Hong Kong.
No. 10, Des Vœux Road Central, Hong Kong.

Authorised Capital $10,000,000
Paid-Up Capital 5,000,000
Reserve 1,500,000

Branches and Agencies:—

Batavia	London	Penang	Singapore
Bombay	Manila	Rangoon	Sourabaya
Calcutta	Melbourne	Saigon	Sydney
Canton	Nagasaki	San Francisco	Taipeh
Haiphong	New York	Tientsin	
Honolulu	Osaka	Seattle	Tokyo
Kobe	Paris	Semarang	
Kowloon	Peping	Shanghai	

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Kan Tong Po, Chief Manager.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 16, 1929.

On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer...	1/8⅛
Bank Bills, on demand	1/8 3/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/8⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/9⅛
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/9⅛
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	104⅜
Credits, 4 months' sight	111⅛
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	41⅛
Credits, at 60 d/s.	42⅜
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer Bank Bills, on demand	112½
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer Bank Bills, on demand	112½
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	75⅛
Private, 30 days' sight	—
On Yokohama.—	
On demand	83½
On Manila.—On demand...	82
On Singapore.—	
On demand	72⅛
On Batavia.—On demand...	101⅜
On Haiphong.—	
On demand	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand...	nom.
On Bangkok.—	
On demand	110½
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	11.43
Gold Leaf, 10 fine, per tael	—
Bar Silver, per oz.	22 9/16

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